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CIVIC CONNECTION

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PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 2006 BUDGET

The City Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed City of Norfolk FY2006 Budget on Wednesday, May 4 at Lafayette Winona Middle School, 1701 Alsace Avenue. The hearing will begin at 6 p.m. when the Council will take comments on real estate taxes. At 6:15 p.m., the Council will begin the hearing on the City's proposed operating budget.

In addition to the May 4 Public Hearing, Council will accept comments by e-mail (ccouncil@norfolk.gov) or mail to City Clerk, Rm. 1006 City Hall Building, 810 Union Street, Norfolk VA 23510.

The City Manager's proposed budget will be presented to Council on Tuesday, April 26 at 7 p.m. The public is invited to view the presentation in Council chambers on the 11th floor City Hall. Information on the proposed budget will be available on the City's website www.norfolk.gov beginning April 27.

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INVESTMENT IN OCEAN VIEW TO INCREASE BY \$780 MILLION

A community that once was known for its rickety roller coaster and wooden fishing pier has been transformed into the "hottest housing area in Hampton Roads".

The revitalization of a community that not so long ago was dotted with dilapidated and deteriorating buildings has been nothing short of dramatic. Luxurious homes and condominiums that carry price tags of \$250,000 and up are springing up throughout Ocean View. Almost 1,000 housing units have either been constructed or rehabilitated in the bay front community during the last decade. An estimated \$150 million has already been invested in the area bounded by the Chesapeake Bay.

City Council members Randy Wright and Don Williams have announced an additional 1,800 units are on the private sector drawing boards to be built from the tip of Willoughby Spit to East Ocean View over the next 10 years. The new developments will increase the public and private investment in Ocean View by \$781 million.

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The projects include:

Willoughby Spectrum	350 units	\$120 million
Fourth View Pier Condominiums	50 units	\$ 20 million
Norfolk Ave. Condominiums	28 units	\$11 million
Chesapeake Ave. Condominiums	135 units	\$55 million
3d – 7th Bay Development	80 units	\$30 million
Bayview Motel Condominium	38 units	\$15 million
East Beach Harbor	250 units	\$100 million
East Beach	700 units	\$350 million
Harborwalk	237 units	\$71 million

Both the East Beach and Harborwalk projects are already under construction. The plan also calls for the construction of a new, \$9 million library at the foot of Granby Street. The facility, scheduled for construction in September, will replace the Pretlow Branch Library that was built in 1961.

When Randy Wright was first elected to City Council in 1992, only nine percent of all of the residential units in Ocean View were owner occupied – a dangerously low number that contributed to the decline of the community. As a direct result of the recent surge in construction activity, the number climbed to 30 percent in 2005. The goal, according to Wright, is 50 percent by the year 2010. Wright, whose Ward 5 includes the bay front area, said Ocean View has rapidly become one of the most popular resort-oriented communities on the East Coast.

“The rebirth of Ocean View is having a dramatic impact on the perception of Norfolk as one of the nation’s most dynamic, vibrant and exciting cities,” Wright said.

PROPOSED FY2006 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING PLAN FOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS IN NORFOLK

Consistent with the requirements of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, a proposed annual Action Plan is available for public review and comment. The Consolidated Plan discusses the City of Norfolk's community development and housing needs, with particular emphasis on providing decent housing, homeless issues, creating suitable living environments, and expanding economic opportunities for low and very low income persons.

The plan allocates federal resources under the *Community Development Block Grant Program*, the *Emergency Shelter Grant Program*, and the *HOME Investment Partnership Program* in support of the plan, which becomes effective on July 1, 2005. The City of Norfolk will distribute \$10,540,595 in funds. Sources include:

Community Development Block Grant (Including Public Service, Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Administration and other Infrastructure project allocations)	\$5,837,933
HOME Investment Partnership Program	\$1,892,132
Emergency Shelter Grant Program	\$228,559
American Dream Down Payment Initiative FY 2006	\$73,471

The City will allocate funds in the following categories (all amounts approximate): \$800,000 for Public Service activities; \$5.4 million in CDBG funds for housing, infrastructure, and revitalization; \$1.8 million in homebuyer and housing rehabilitation assistance; and \$200,000 for emergency shelter activities.

The City will continue to support NRHA activities in the Lambert's Point, Park Place, and Huntersville communities.

Copies of the proposed Action Plan will be available for public review beginning April 18, 2005 and ending May 18, 2005 at the following locations:

Kirn Memorial Library	301 East City Hall Avenue
Barron F. Black Library	6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive
Horace Downing	555 E. Liberty Street
Blyden Library	879 E. Princess Anne Road
Jordan-Newby	961 Park Avenue
Janaf Library	124 Janaf Shopping Center
Lafayette Library	1610 Cromwell Drive
Larchmont Library	6525 Hampton Boulevard
Little Creek Library	7853 Tarpon Place
Park Place Library	620 W. 29th Street
Pretlow Library	9630 Granby Street
Van Wyck Branch	1368 DeBree Avenue

Copies may also be obtained at the Norfolk Office of Grants Management/Department of Planning and Community Development, 810 Union Street, Room 502 City Hall, Norfolk, Virginia 23510.

Comments on the proposed 2006 Annual Plan will be received during a 30-day comment period beginning April 18, 2005 and ending May 18, 2005. Comments, oral or written, may be provided to the City of Norfolk, Office of Grants Management during this thirty-day period.

If special assistance for the disabled is needed, please contact the Office of Grants Management at 664-4080; TDD 624-8410. The contact person for the Annual Plan is Phyllis Hardy, Office of Grants Management, 664-4080; TDD 624-8410.

APRIL IS “POTHOLE MONTH”

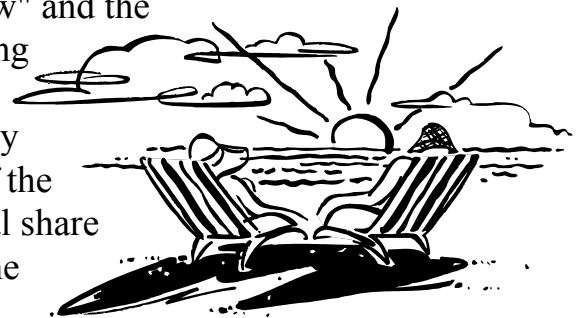
While pothole repairs are completed throughout the year, the month of April is set aside specifically to concentrate on pothole repairs in the City. Special efforts are made to encourage residents to notify City staff of the location of potholes during April. The Streets and Bridges’ crews work diligently to repair all potholes reported to the City by the end of the month. Potholes are caused by the “freeze-thaw” cycle of water on streets during the winter months. Water seeps between cracks in the asphalt and concrete which breaks up the concrete base and results in pothole. Last year, Streets and Bridges repaired 4,613 potholes in March and April; in the first 25 days of March, 1,900 potholes were filled. Report potholes at www.norfolk.gov/publicworks/report_pothole.asp.

EMERGENCY DUNE RESTORATION COMPLETED IN WILLOUGHBY AND OCEAN VIEW

The \$3.8 million dune restoration project designed to restore shoreline damaged by Hurricane Isabel has been completed. The project, which required renourishment of approximately three-and-a-half miles of shoreline between 13th View Street and Warwick Avenue, provides protection for upland properties from storm events along Willoughby and Central Ocean View. Approximately 428,000 cubic yards of sand from Thimble Shoals channel was dredged to construct the dune.

OCEAN VIEW SHORELINE PROTECTION PROJECT

Norfolk is in the final stages of signing a cost-sharing agreement with the Army Corps to initiate the final design and study of the Ocean View Shoreline Protection project. The City Attorney sent an affirmative "letter of legal review" and the City Manager sent a “letter of intent to sign” the cost sharing agreement as drafted by the Army Corps. This is a 75 percent federal, 25 percent local share agreement. The study will commence around June 1st. The estimated total cost of the multi-year project is \$1 million. The City’s 25 percent local share of the estimated total cost is \$250,000. In order to begin the study, the District will use \$50,000 in FY05 appropriations plus the \$150,000 that is being reprogrammed at the request of Congresswomen Drake. The District office expects most of the work this summer to include economic impact studies on businesses in Ocean View, followed by residential



impact studies. Most of the work scheduled in FY06 will include preliminary engineering and design work.

CONGRESS TO CONSIDER WATER RESOURCES BILL

The first Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) bill since 2000 has been introduced in Congress. This new proposed legislation contains project authorizations and policy changes for the Corps of Engineers. Specifically, the bill's language reaffirms federal interest in shoreline protection projects, including beach restoration and periodic renourishment for a period of 50 years. (The Bush Administration has said it wants to end federal support for beach renourishment projects).

In addition, the bill provides comprehensive Regional Sediment Management authority for the Corps. The Shoreline Erosion and Control Development and Demonstration program (Section 227 program) is also permanently reauthorized with several positive modifications.

NORFOLK SOUTHERN PROVIDES BRIEFING ON SC TRAIN DERAILMENT AND RESPONSE

Staff from various City departments attended a briefing by Norfolk Southern that discussed the train derailment and chlorine gas release in Graniteville, South Carolina. Susan Terpay, Director, Public Relations, Norfolk Southern provided an overview that included Norfolk Southern' emergency management plans and how their response was coordinated with local, state and federal agencies. The overview was followed up by a brief roundtable discussion with the City's Communications Internal Network Group (CING) group on the train derailment.

AZALEA FESTIVAL PARADE IS A REAL LIFE LESSON FOR ODU STUDENTS

The Azalea Festival's Parade of Nations will step off at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 23 and will follow Waterside Drive to Boush Street and on to Monticello where it will pass in front of MacArthur Center. There will be 120 units, 15 marching bands, 25 Princesses and Azalea Queen participating in this year's Parade of Nations. The parade will be a final exam of sorts for an Old Dominion University event management class – who will be on hand and in charge.

It's always been a challenge. Getting a band, a float, a banner and a Princess together at the same time to walk a mile long route is a tough job. But try getting 26 bands, floats, banners and Princesses together to form The Azalea Festival's Parade of Nations. The details are endless: parking permits, street closures, bleacher seating, convertibles to carry dignitaries, float sponsors, volunteer management and more. Too big

a job for any one person but just the right sized project for a semester-long event management class at Old Dominion University.

In this class the rubber meets the road, literally. This group of 19 juniors and seniors is putting to the test everything they have learned about event production and management. Lisa Bleakley, Adjunct Faculty and Instructor of the RTS491 – Festival and Event Management course says, “this real life event, steeped in a rich history, is providing the students a glimpse into what it really takes to produce an event that captures a community's spirit.”

Ronda Baucom, Director for the festival since 1997, has experienced the challenge of trying to grow the parade with each NATO growth spurt. “With 16 countries the parade was a test, but definitely doable for a volunteer chairman. With two NATO expansions resulting in a total of 26 countries our goal to represent each nation is far too difficult for any one staff person or volunteer. We had to bring in back up!” And back up they got. “We are getting on-the-job training that is going to help us once we graduate. My major is Recreation and Tourism. Recreation is activity! You can't get more active than DOING IT!” an excited La'Shon Jordan, Junior, says about their class project. Classmate Janko Mrksic agrees, "This learning style, I think is better than the classic text-book style. Students can get a "hands on experience" and have interactions with fellow classmates on the progress of the project."

For more information on this and other Azalea Festival events visit www.azaleafestival.org.

CELEBRATE THE EARTH WITH YOUR VIRGINIA ZOO!

Come participate in a fun and educational Earth Day celebration at your Virginia Zoo on Friday, April 22. Children and adults will learn how to become responsible keepers of our planet through creative crafts, games, and interactive environmental education activities. This program is designed to inform and inspire children to understand their role in protecting their Earth while having a fun day at the zoo.

Local conservation and wildlife organizations will display interactive exhibits to immerse both children and adults in a fun-filled learning experience. All “green” activities are free with paid admission to your Virginia Zoo and run from 10 am to 2 pm. For more information about Earth Day is available by visiting www.virginiazoo.org or by calling (757) 441.2374 ext. 234.

An accredited American Zoo and Aquarium Association (AZA) facility, your Virginia Zoo boasts over 350 animals, beautifully manicured grounds and a fun-filled day for all. For more than a century, your Virginia Zoo has demonstrated a commitment to wildlife, conservation and education. Your Virginia Zoo is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and located at 3500 Granby Street in Norfolk. Daily admission prices are \$6.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors (age 62 and over), and \$4.00 for children ages 2-11. Visit www.virginiazoo.org or call (757) 441-2374 for more information.

NORFOLK COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR REAL ESTATE TAX RELIEF FOR DISABLED OR SENIOR CITIZENS

Norfolk's Commissioner of the Revenue, Sharon M. McDonald, will accept applications for Real Estate Tax Relief for Senior and/or Disabled Norfolk Citizens until June 1. The Real Estate Tax Relief for Disabled or Senior Citizens offers to help reduce or eliminate the real estate taxes for qualifying disabled or senior citizen homeowners. The exemption is granted on an annual basis. Over 2,500 households were offered real estate tax relief in 2004.

To qualify for Real Estate Tax Relief:

- You must be 65 years of age or totally and permanently disabled;
- You must live in the property to be exempted;
- Your combined income of owners and all relatives living in home cannot exceed \$34,450 per year; and
- Your net worth, exclusive of the home, cannot exceed \$100,000.

Representatives will be at various satellite sites throughout the City of Norfolk to provide assistance in filling out the applications. Please call 441-1502 for dates and times. **The deadline to submit applications is June 1st.**

To receive an application or for more information, contact program coordinator Carolyn Lawrence at (757) 441-1502, or Sharon M. McDonald, Commissioner of the Revenue, at (757) 441-2987. Citizens may also visit the Real Estate Tax Relief office in the Norfolk Skills Center, 922 W. 21st St. Information, including application forms, is also available at the Commissioner of the Revenue website <http://www.norfolk.gov/Revenue>.

NORFOLK'S PACE-SETTERS IN CRIME PREVENTION FOR 2004

The following individuals and groups were honored recently as PACE – Setters in Crime Prevention. The awards are given annually by the Neighborhood Crime Prevention Coalition to people who have displayed extraordinary effort to fight crime and the causes of crime in Norfolk.



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD – FRED GALLUP

The Lifetime Achievement Award is not something a person is nominated for. It is not something we award every year. It is given to a person or group who has spent many years, often a lifetime, making a difference in the battle against the causes of crime. A Lifetime Achievement Award winner inspires us all. Tonight, we have such an individual.

Our Lifetime Achievement winner doesn't know what it means to slow down. He is equally at home serving as president of a civic league or ferrying sandwiches to volunteers renovating a home. He assists in community clean-ups, cookouts, the annual yard sale for the police scholarship award, raffle tickets for fund raisers, delivery of the newsletter. He will work on the committee planning an event, then go out and get the food, and – as many of you know – do a fine job of cooking it.

He is a guiding force behind the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association. And he is always urging others to take the academy. He is convinced that the knowledge gained in the academy is the way to the partnerships between police and citizens that make our community safer.

In the summer, our winner assumes other “delivery” duties when World Changers come to town. He volunteers his time, vehicle and expertise to help wherever needed – delivering materials, dropping off sodas or lunch.

Gallup understands how important it is to reach out to vulnerable or troubled young people. In December he worked very hard to continue on with a tradition of collecting over 300 toys for children in need. Our winner would be the first to tell you that he was only carrying on in the tradition of the late John Roger. Once the toys were collected, they still had to be distributed, so our winner went back and forth throughout the school, to make sure the toys were delivered.

His dedication to children extends to the Back on Track jail tour program for youth 9 through 16 years. “He has an insatiable ambition to keep Norfolk's youth from being just a statistic,” says one of his nominators. “Today's youth are so influenced by what they see on TV and in the movies, that they can lose sight of what's right and wrong. His motivation is to help our kids get back on track and stay on track. He has truly played a key role in developing, promoting and maintaining crime prevention in Norfolk's youth.”

That's not all. Our winner distributes “Project Mousetrap” and interactive CD-ROM that helps parents, teachers and other concerned citizens become more informed about

internet crimes and online predators. Fred Gallup was originally nominated for the volunteer award, and one of his nominators is a police officer. She calls him, “truly an example of a strong community pillar.”

BARBARA DAVIS VOLUNTEER AWARD – SANDRA WILLIAMS of Villa Heights



At a time when neighbors are often too rushed or too absorbed with their own lives to get to know each other, our Barbara Davis Volunteer Award winner knows that time spent walking the neighborhood, getting to know her neighbors, seeing what’s going on, is not a luxury – it is the backbone of making a neighborhood safe.

Any police officer will tell you that being aware of what is happening in your neighborhood is the first step to fighting crime and blight, the first step in “taking back the streets” from criminals. And this is what our award winner does every day.

Our winner checks on elderly residents, scolds young litterbugs, and takes notes and calls the police when troublemakers of a more serious kind collect on street corners. Our winner has no tolerance for drugs or drug dealers – and no qualms about writing information and descriptions in a notebook to call and give to police. She has the courage of her convictions, and it shines through in every conversation you have with her.

Our winner has spent 16 years working to improve her neighborhood and the lives of her neighbors. This civic league president has petitioned the city for handicapped-accessible cross walks, for pedestrian buttons to change traffic lights, and a bus route for senior citizens. She has gathered food donations and helped lead an effort to create a community center. She has dealt with everything from prostitution to illegal fishing to litter clean-ups. And she has done it all with enthusiasm and good humor, with integrity and wisdom. Her nominator says “I personally watched her get the drug dealers off the corners of the neighborhood, and her sensitivity to the people in her community, the way she has taken charge of getting the drugs out, make me have a good feeling about having my parents continue to live there.”

CITY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR - MARY MCCULLOUGH



Norfolk is blessed with many dedicated City employees, who serve our residents day in and day out. But, the PACE Setter Award for City Employee goes to an individual who goes above and beyond his or her job, striving to make an impact in the battle against crime and the causes of crime.

This year’s winner, Mary McCullough, assistant manager of the Huntersville Neighborhood Center, doesn’t spend much time behind the desk because this dynamo has been out helping police fight crime and blight. Two adjacent neighborhoods are the better for it.

Mary has identified automobiles that were stolen and abandoned on City property and notified police of individuals suspected of operating stolen vehicles. The information provided has led to the arrest of several suspects while still in stolen cars.

Police have arrested drug dealers and other wanted criminals thanks to the alertness of this individual. The winner was instrumental in the placarding of an abandoned house that was the site of a shooting. The house is under renovation so it may once again become a viable part of the community.

When Mary notices something that appears to be abnormal, she quickly notifies the police with good descriptions of the crime, the individuals involved, the clothing worn and direction of travel, says her nominator – who happens to be one of the police officers who has been able to use Mary's information to stop and prevent crime. For taking ownership in the problems of the communities around her, our winner is making Norfolk a better place to live.

It gives me great pleasure in awarding, the City Employee Award for the year 2004.

GROUP SERVICE OF THE YEAR - THE OFFICERS OF THE SECOND PATROL RED SECTOR TARGET UNIT



PACE is about partnerships, and our group service award winners know how to actively pursue partnerships. They regularly work with residents, businesses and apartment owners to combat crime in their neighborhoods.

The ability of the members of this group to anticipate crime comes from a combination of their training and experience, as well as their observations and their ability to process complaints from civic leagues, says their nominator.

While many of these problems are relatively non-violent complaints, the officers understand that loud music, tall grass and broken windows foster the growth of the criminal element in otherwise quiet neighborhoods. They go above and beyond to address these and the more serious issues they come across.

These folks are pro-active, not waiting for the problems to get worse, but actively going about eliminating them. During 2004, their enforcement sweeps involved over 200 police actions, including seizing narcotics and weapons and making arrests. This group works with Zoning and other Code Enforcement officials during monthly NEAT sweeps to eliminate blight that can bring a neighborhood down and bring in the criminal element.

Some examples of their work:

- Our winners identified residence gutted by fire that was attracting children. Upon entering, they discovered several assault weapons and large amounts of ammunition. Working with Fire Rescue Haz Mat officers, they conducted a complete search of the residence, recovering over one dozen weapons.
- They worked with an area resident to identify and arrest a suspect stealing expensive landscaping.

- They resolved complaints of trash and solid waste at adjoining apartments by arranging a meeting between two apartment landlords.

They concentrated patrols when vagrants and drunks were causing problems in Ocean View Park. With the group's enforcement of all violations, complaints dropped rapidly. From arresting violent criminal offenders to helping kids fix their bicycles, these officers do it all.

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR - OFFICER W.E. DANGLE FROM THE 2ND PATROL RED SECTOR

Officer W.E. Dangle is truly a PACE Setter. He recognized a cultural shift in our community and took action to prepare his fellow officers to meet the challenges of an increasingly diverse community.

On his own, our PACE Setter learned Spanish to handle the realities of modern policing in Latino communities. He quickly realized that he was not alone in needing this language skill. And he decided to do something about it. He set as his goals to reduce crime and increase police service in the Latino community, to reduce police liability caused by language or cultural misunderstandings, and to enhance officer safety.

He first analyzed local demographics, including crime statistics and the number of callers requesting Spanish speaking officers versus the number of interpreters available. He discovered a growing Spanish-only Hispanic population. What he found was that Spanish-speaking officers 10 years ago averaged one interpretation a month, normally assisting INS investigations as a growing number of residents and workers are fluent only in Spanish.

Now these same officers were averaging 5 to 10 interpretations a week on increasingly more complex issues like traffic accidents, domestic assaults and at least 2 murder investigations. He also found a marked increase in Spanish-speaking defendants in the Norfolk courts requiring interpreters on a daily basis, especially in the traffic courts.

He also found that officers on the street have to overcome language and cultural barriers quickly and cannot afford to wait for an interpreter to be located. Increasingly, officers on the street were responding to tactical and arrest situations in which questioning and orders must be given in Spanish. And, as we have seen in other communities, lack of communication can be dangerous – both for officers and the public. The failure to communicate in Spanish recently ended in tragedy on the Eastern Shore when no one in a combined State police and FBI operation trying to arrest a Mexican national spoke Spanish. Yet, despite the obvious and growing need for police-oriented Spanish training, formal programs were not available in Tidewater until our winner got involved.

Mostly on his own time and using his own resources, Dangle contacted police departments around the country and analyzed their training materials. Thanks to our winner's research and outreach, the Virginia Community Policing Institute offered its 40-hour intensive course for the first time in Tidewater. Our winner personally coordinated

every detail of bringing this course to Norfolk and handpicked the first class of 22 patrol officers, street supervisors, and gang squad detectives.

Dangle then conducted field assessments to see how the training worked in practice. Here are just a few of the success stories:

- One officer used his new skills to identify several members from a Hispanic gang, the MS 13, responsible for violence in Northern Virginia and the West Coast. He was able to put enough pressure on these gang members so they eventually left the area.
- Graduates participated in an investigation of possible criminal, alcohol and fire codes violations at a store catering exclusively to Central Americans. These officers questioned 187 Hispanic subjects from four different Latin American countries without incident.
- At a Latino Fest in Ocean View last August, six course graduates handled everything from routine traffic and crowd control in English and Spanish, to a medical emergency involving a small child who spoke only Spanish. The officers also identified MS 13 gang members and removed them from the grounds without incident.

2004 YOUTH OF THE YEAR



Each year, there is at least one category when it is almost impossible to pick a clear winner. It is even harder when faced with two young people who have undertaken so much to better their communities and help their peers.

Jermal Mabine is a junior at Lake Taylor High – an outstanding student, according to his nominator. But, that alone does not make him a PACE Setter in crime prevention. He is also president of the Keystone Club at Diggstown Boys and Girls Club, implementing many community service projects such as job fairs, nursing home visits and adopting a street clean update (? DETAILS). The club also partners with Norfolk Sheriff's Office to put on dances and other social activities, under a banner of no guns, no violence, and no drugs. Jermal has served as president and chaplain of NRHA's Youth Executive Council, a group that uses drama to educate young people about the dangers of alcohol and other drugs, teen pregnancy, HIV/AIDs and more.

Our second youth volunteer award winner is Michael Corprew, a senior at Booker T. Washington and college bound in the fall. A talented athlete and musician, Michael is recognized tonight for his work with youth and children.

Michael volunteers four hours a week at NRHA Youth Services. He is trained as a youth mediator and leads the physical fitness training for the NRHA Youth Job Readiness training. He also served as a summer youth counselor at Oakmont North Community and worked in the Calvert Square "No Limit Bookstore" during the summer.

According to his nominator, Michael sets an example for his younger brother and other young men in his community, overcoming the odds of drugs and crime that often plague young African-American males.

Engaging the talents, energy and enthusiasm of young people is essential to the health – and even the future – of any community. Michael and Jermal are not only engaged; they are reaching out to their peers as well.

AMERICA CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY OF NATIONAL CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

“Justice Isn’t Served Until Crime Victims Are”

More than two decades ago, President Ronald W. Reagan declared the first National Crime Victims’ Rights Week to pay tribute to crime victims and to recognize the devastating impact of violence on individuals, communities and our national as a whole.

Victims of crime in Norfolk, Virginia are our mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, children, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Crime affects victims in *many* ways – physically, emotionally, financially and spiritually. When one person is affected by crime, we all feel its impact.

So during 2005 National Crime Victims’ Rights Week and throughout the year, remember that crime victims in Norfolk, Virginia have rights, and a wide range of services to help them cope with the aftermath of criminal victimization. If you or someone you know is a victim of crime, help is available. So get help, or help out. For more information about victims’ rights and services in Norfolk, Virginia or to volunteer for victims of crime, please call 757-664-4850 or visit our Web site at www.norfolk.gov/Commatty and then click on Victim-Witness under Teams.

NORFOLK’S QUALITY BRIDGE MAINTENANCE KEEPS CITY OFF VDOT BRIDGE DEFICIENCY LIST

When *The Virginian-Pilot* published VDOT’s list of South Hampton Roads bridges with at least one major structural component in poor condition recently, Norfolk was the only City in the region that did not have a bridge on the list. This is due in large part to the efforts of the Public Works Bridge Program Team. The Bridge Team certifies compliance with state and federal mandates through scheduled inspections of the system of 38 bridges, 7 pedestrian walkways, 6 railroad underpasses and 6 roadway culverts. Routine and minor repairs and maintenance are completed by in-house field crews from the Streets and Bridges Division. Major repairs, maintenance, rehabilitation and replacement are handled by the Design Division through agreements with design engineers, consultants, and private contractors.

REHABILITATION OF THE BERKLEY AND OCEAN VIEW WATER TOWERS

The renovation of the water storage towers in Berkley and Ocean View is underway. The work includes sandblasting the exterior and painting each tower. Residents from both

communities were involved in designing the graphic display that will be painted on the towers. In addition to the City's mermaid logo, both towers will include the City and community's name. These water towers provide for added "water pressure" in the water lines serving residents, businesses and our fire hydrant system. The contractor is D&M Painting. The cost of the project is approximately \$1.3 million.

GOVERNOR WARNER TEACHES A COOKING CLASS AT BAY VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

As part of his Healthy Virginians initiative, Governor Mark Warner visited Bay View Elementary School (1434 Bay View Blvd.) on March 18. The Governor joined Herb Mesa, "The Energy Chef," to prepare butternut squash soup and demonstrate a series of exercises for youngsters. Bay View's first graders and their parents, along with teachers and others, participated in the program.

Earlier this year, Governor Warner launched his Healthy Virginians initiative. He believes schools must play an active role in addressing the problems associated with overweight children. Norfolk Public Schools agrees that a healthy school environment, one where learning is supported by good nutrition and increased physical activity, is in the best interest of our students.

Norfolk Public Schools is proud of its Child Nutrition program and has implemented a number of healthy alternatives, including:

- Offering only baked chips and snack items in vending machines.
- Adopting the Action for Healthy Kids snack recommendations, with snacks containing no more than 30 percent calories from fat.
- Offering a larger 10-ounce plastic bottle of milk, which has resulted in a 17 percent increase in milk consumption.
- Serving no fried food choices in our elementary schools; offer French fries only twice a week in secondary schools.
- Providing fresh fruits and salads daily in all schools.
- Encouraging our Child Nutrition Managers to do more than prepare and serve food. Many engage students in activities, both before and after school, that are designed to promote good health and exercise. Others share healthy cooking strategies and disseminate important information through bulletin boards, table tents, newsletters, and more.

SPSA TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED WASTE DISPOSAL FEE INCREASE

Southeastern Public Service Authority will hold a public hearing on May 23 regarding a requested increase in the "tipping" fee charged localities to dispose of garbage. The proposed tipping fee would raise the current charge of \$46 per ton to \$59 per ton. The

hearing will be held at the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission office at 723 Woodlake Drive.

The proposed increase to the tipping fee was the result of increasing operating costs and declining revenues due to the potential loss of private waste haulers to other landfills outside the area. SPSA also discussed developing a new revenue source by accepting waste from out of state. Norfolk is not endorsing or voting to approve the recommended tipping fees.

If this fee increase passes, it would cost the City \$2,433,900 annually. Consequently, the City would have to absorb the fee or pass it on to our residents in an increased solid waste rate.

GREAT EGRET RELOCATION PROGRAM UNDERWAY IN CAMPOSTELLA HEIGHTS

Norfolk is a favorite nesting area for Great Egrets due to its proximity on the Atlantic Coast and its wetlands, which provide superior feeding areas for the birds. In recent years, the Great Egrets have impacted the quality of life of Campostella Heights residents. In preparation for the return of the birds this year, Animal Management Center staff provided training to Campostella Heights residents on techniques to encourage the birds to move away from developed areas.

The training provided an overview of the birds nesting habits, its classification as a threatened species, as well as training on the safe operation of starter pistols and other noise devices that encourage the birds to move on prior to their setting up a nest. These techniques cause no harm to the birds, which are a threatened species.

RESURFACING SCHEDULE RESUMES

Now that the warm temperatures have arrived, the FY05 pavement resurfacing program has resumed. Streets in the neighborhoods are expected to be completed in the following order: Estabrook, Roosevelt Gardens, Norvella, Coleman Place, Ingleside, Liberty Roberts Park, Medical Center, Sewells Point, Denby Park, Oakdale Farms, River Forest Shores, Poplar Halls and Janaf/Military Highway.

LAFAYETTE BOULEVARD LIGHTED BANNER POLES

The City recently installed three, 35-foot lighted banner poles on Lafayette Boulevard near the Ballentine Boulevard intersection. This is a continuing partnership between the Department of Communications and Public Works to enhance gateways into neighborhoods and commercial areas.

CHURCH STREET GROUND BREAKING

On Thursday, March 31, a groundbreaking was held at the site of the future Church Street Office Park. The Park, a project made possible through a public private partnership of the City of Norfolk and P&P, LLC will feature seven buildings. Four of the seven buildings will be all office, three are to be flex /office facilities, all ranging from 10,000-11,000 square feet on approximately five acres. The P&P, LLC team consists of two Norfolk developers, George Parker, owner of Techcon; and, Wayne Perry, President of Community Personal Care. Mr. Perry will move his corporation to the development. He employs many of the area residents. Over 200 people from the community turned out to participate in the celebration which included live jazz in the Church Street tradition and a picnic lunch. Vice Mayor Daun Hester officiated at the ceremony.

FUNDING COMMITTEE FOR SECURE VIRGINIA

Virginia currently faces the challenge of funding security and preparedness initiatives, while the federal government decreases funding to states for such purposes. Governor Warner has asked George W. Foresman, Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness and the principal advisor and coordinator for homeland security and preparedness to work with the Secure Commonwealth Panel regarding funding strategies. City Manager Regina V.K. Williams also serves on this State Panel and a new subcommittee to study and make recommendations regarding funding. Two critical issues are how to best use whatever funding is available to reduce risk and how to collaborate and communicate regionally.

NORFOLK AND OCEAN VIEW FEATURED IN *VIRGINIA LIVING*

The City of Norfolk and the Ocean View neighborhood are featured in the April issue of *Virginia Living* magazine. There is an extensive article on the revitalization of Ocean View and its desirability as sea side address.

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

After the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers initiated an effort to identify and inventory specialized engineering expertise from licensed individuals and firms, which can be made available to Virginia emergency response agencies on a volunteer or contract basis. Now, VSPE, VDEM and the Virginia Department of Professional Occupation and Regulation are collaborating to establish an

information network and data collection process, and compile a comprehensive database for emergency response agency use.

Interested members and firms are asked to complete and submit the online registration form accessed through the links below. If you have any questions regarding this initiative please contact George Roarty by email at george.roarty@vdem.virginia.gov or telephone (804) 897-6500, ext. 6574. VDEM will make the resulting database of skills and capabilities available to emergency response agencies throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia in disasters or other emergency situations. VSPE, in coordination with VDEM and other state and federal support agencies, will also develop and implement a training curriculum to properly prepare Professional Engineers to participate as emergency response team members. VDEM and VSPE will identify candidates for training using information supplied for this database and other directed inquiries.

ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN SERVING AS SUMMER FOOD SERVICE SITE FOR CHILDREN URGED TO ATTEND MEETING

In an effort to assist Hampton Roads' communities to serve more children this summer, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has planned a mass meeting to be held on April 27th in Norfolk to recruit more sites. This informational meeting will be held at the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia at 800 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, from 1:45 pm to 2:45 pm. Interested organizations are invited to attend. USDA representatives will outline the basics of the program and about how to become a site. The video *'Summer Meals for Kids: What Your Organization Can Do'* that features information on site participation will be shown. This meeting will also provide an opportunity for interested organizations an opportunity to sign up with existing area sponsors.

NEW YOUTH GARDENERS PROGRAM LAUNCHED BY VOLUNTEERS AT OCEAN VIEW TO EXPAND TO OTHER RECREATION CENTERS

There is a new Norfolk Master Gardeners program for Youth Activities, which will replace the seed fund. It is anticipated that the program will reach a larger number of youngsters by assisting recreation center staffs with garden design, installation, maintenance and other educational activities. Bright, imaginative, and enthusiastic volunteers are always welcome to work with youngsters in a horticultural setting.

The first project was developed by Juanita and Lenny Snead at the East Ocean View Recreational Center, 9520 20th Bay St, which will be the prototype for other recreational centers. There are two large gardens plots, which the city assists by tilling the plots and providing compost. Juanita and Lenny work with a wide range of youngsters growing vegetables and catching fish. At the end of the summer, they will all enjoy the fruits of

their labor with a fish fry including the vegetables the youngsters have grown. For many children, this experience is often the first time they experience the miracle of growing plants from seeds.

The Sneads have indicated they could use some addition help and items. The wish list included new or gently used items:

Compost bin	Lime (2 bags)	Rich Earth (2 bags)	3 fork cultivator, with the adjustable handles
Hoes	Vegetable plants	Long handle shovels	Organic matter (4 bags)
Seeds	Wheelbarrow	Fishing equipment	200 foot water hose
Rakes	Hand trowels	Rolling hose caddy	

If you would like to donate any items or volunteer your time contact: Carol Kramer, 583-2216, ckrame@aol.com or Juanita and Lenny Snead, 587-5558, jmycats@aol.com.

CELEBRATING THE SOUTHSIDE SHOPPING CENTER GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY

The Southside community came out in great numbers to witness the groundbreaking ceremony of the new Southside Shopping Center on Thursday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m. The groundbreaking ceremony was held on the corner of South Main and Liberty Streets with over 250 residents in attendance. Residents from Berkley, Campostella and Campostella Heights were elated about this new commercial development project that has been 30 years in the making.

Present at this grand occasion were several city officials and outstanding leaders in the community including Norfolk City Mayor, Paul Fraim, Vice-Mayor Daun Hester, the Honorable Delegate Kenneth Alexander, Councilman Anthony Burfort and several other city officials from NRHA and other inter-agency community partners. Several business executives from Farm Fresh were also present including Jim Walters to witness the occasion.

Also present was former Berkley resident, William Fuller whose company Fulco Development Inc. is in partnership with business executives and the City of Norfolk to bring the shopping center complex to Southside. Representatives were also present from Economic Development, Norfolk Public Schools, the Beacon Light Civic League, NCP Federal Credit Union and may other business leaders and partners in the community.

The cornerstone of the project is a 25,000 square foot Farm Fresh grocery store, targeted to open by Thanksgiving. The shopping center complex will also include an array of business stores including a restaurant, movie rental store, an athletic apparel shop, two eateries, a nail salon and a coin laundry.

THE D'ART CENTER IS OUT OF COLLEGE PLACE AND PREPARING TO MOVE TO SELDEN ARCADE IN MAY

On March 31, 2005 the **d'ARTists said their final goodbyes** while toasting to their future success at the new d'ART Center downtown Norfolk.. The historic Selden Arcade, located between Main Street and Plume Street, has been redesigned, refurbished and revitalized to provide a beautiful new home, worthy of the d'ART Center and its 50 professional artists. After months of construction, the building is **in** the final stages of completion with a grand opening scheduled for May 2005.

"I am excited about our new location on Main Street," says Susan Bernard, d'ART Executive Director, "Art education and awareness is our greatest mission, our new central location facilitates growth -connecting even more people to the visual arts."

The Center's innovative new design encourages the public to meander through the art studios, meet the artists and enjoy art exhibitions in 5 sky lit galleries. FREE studio tours allow visitors to see sculptors, painters, jewelers, glass blowers and potters **as they** work ... making the d'Art Center unique to Hampton Roads.

d'Artists have made temporary arrangements for studio and gallery space. Some artists will work from home while others, such as jewelers Mark McFarlane and Steve Fanelty, set up interim shops downtown. Potter James Chalkley accepted an April invitation to participate in the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts residency program at Sweet Briar College. Painter Rieneke Leenders was honored when the World Bank requested an April exhibition of her "Woman of the World Series" to be in conjunction with a conference of Woman Leaders at their location in Washington, D.C. As the d'ART Center awaits the green light for occupancy the Art Exhibition and Class schedules are in high gear. *MARK YOUR CALENDARS*

May 21 - June 26 - The 15th Annual Mid Atlantic Art Exhibition

June 11 - Fantastic Fiber - Lynne Sward's Trunk Show

July 8 - August 28 - Summer Invitational Exhibit - Altered States

July 29 - August 12 - Great American Family Dog and Cat Photo Contest

CITY UPDATES

BOTANICAL GARDENS

THE EAGLES HAVE LANDED – AGAIN Before European settlers landed on American shores, bald eagles numbered in the hundreds of thousands. Now endangered, they once existed along both coasts – from Labrador to southern Florida, Baja California to Alaska – and everywhere in between. The bald eagle was chosen June 20, 1782 as the

emblem of the United States not only due to its longevity, strength, and majesty, but also because it was believed to inhabit only North America.

This past December, a pair of nesting bald eagles relocated to Norfolk Botanical Garden from the Norfolk International Airport. During the nesting period, visitors to the Garden will have the opportunity to observe bald eagles in a natural habitat. The Museum has teamed up with the Garden to present an informative educational brochure, *The Bald Eagle in Life and Art*, that tells more about eagles and the appropriation of their image in art and national symbolism. *The Bald Eagle in Life and Art* will be available at both the Museum and Norfolk Botanical Garden while supplies last.

Bike Nights

Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, beginning April 4th × 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

If cycling is your family's speed, bring your bikes and tour the Garden on two wheels!

Cost: Free with Garden admission

CITY COUNCIL

Virginia Port Authority Grant Agreement. City received a \$5,000,000 grant from the Virginia Port Authority (VPA) for the construction of the City's cruise terminal building. Funds are made available from the VPA's recent 2005 Commonwealth Port Fund Revenue Bond issue.

Norfolk City Council Honors ODU Monarchs. Norfolk Mayor Paul Fraim and City Council hosted a "Salute to the Monarchs" on April 8 in City Council chambers (inclement weather forced the event inside). Council and City employees paid tribute to the men's and women's teams at Old Dominion University. Both teams won CAA championships and advanced to their respective NCAA tournaments. The teams arrived in a specially decorated HRT bus escorted by Norfolk Police and ODU Police units.

Ordinances Approved By Council

- An ordinance accepting an additional grant in the amount of \$500,000 from the Virginia Department of Transportation under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21) for the Schooner Virginia Project and appropriating and authorizing the expenditure of the grant funds for the project.
- An ordinance approving a grant application in the amount of \$48,505 to support the continuation of the Violence Against Women V-Stop Program and appropriating and authorizing the expenditure of the grant funds (if received) and \$65,057 in local cash match amount for the program.

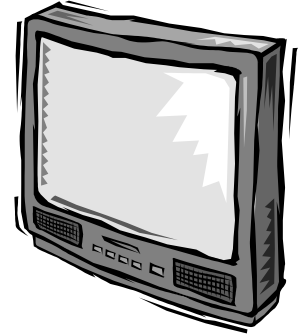
- An ordinance to amend and reordain Sections 1 and 2 of the Capital Improvement Program Budget Ordinance for the fiscal year 2004-2005, so as to increase the funding for Scope Improvements (Project No. 25) by \$1,800,000 by appropriating and transferring \$400,000 from the Public Amenities Fund (Fund Balance); and by reducing previously approved budget authorizations by \$1,400,000 for projects identified as Civic Facilities—Site Development.
- An ordinance accepting a grant in the sum of \$350,000 from the Virginia Department of Transportation, and appropriating the grant funds, for the development of the Elizabeth River Trail, Phase III.
- Be it ordained that the sum of \$202,300 from the Assistance to Firefighters grant funds of the Federal Emergency Management Agency is hereby accepted and appropriated to purchase equipment for Norfolk Fire-Rescue; that the local cash match fund of \$86,700 for the said grant shall be made available from SR 30 S30.
- An ordinance approving donation of surplus (obsolete) traffic signal equipment to the Government of Nicaragua. The equipment includes 22 obsolete traffic control cabinets and 52 substandard traffic signal heads that if sold to a salvage operation would have a potential value of less than \$2000. This transaction is coordinated by the International Service Committee of Virginia Beach Rotary Club. The City of Virginia Beach has already sent the first shipment of traffic control equipment. The Government of Nicaragua will arrange the pick up and pay all the shipping costs for the equipment. In the past, the City had made similar donations of obsolete equipment to Costa Rica and Guatemala.
- Acceptance of the donation of a 2005 Dodge Pickup Truck, a 2005 30' Trailer and associated equipment, pharmaceuticals and supplies from the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission to the City for the Department of Fire and Rescue. This equipment will be used to assist in emergency medical responses as indicated in an agreement between Hampton Roads Planning District Commission and the City of Norfolk.

Joint Powers Agreement to Aggregate and Jointly Purchase Electricity Supply. City council adopted an ordinance approving the Virginia Energy Purchasing Governmental Association (VEPGA) Joint Powers Agreement. VEPGA replaces the VML Steering Committee which formally negotiated standard contracts with Dominion Virginia Power. VEPGA members consist of local governments and political subdivisions of the Commonwealth of Virginia which are currently served by Dominion Virginia Power.

When a competitive energy market eventually develops in Virginia, VEPGA will aggregate the electricity supply required to serve its members and purchase electricity supply from licensed suppliers at rates that produce a savings as compared to the incumbent supplier, Dominion Virginia Power. The City's existing contract for electricity supply from Dominion Virginia Power will expire July 1, 2007.

VEPGA will also be responsible for negotiating contracts with Dominion Virginia Power for street lighting service, new construction line extensions, metering services,

distribution service as these types of services will remain regulated and not available for competitive procurement.



HUMAN SERVICES

Now Playing On TV 48, The Norfolk Neighborhood Network. The Department of Human Services presents *Human Services Forum*, a half-hour informational program hosted by Jan Callaghan that explores the social issues that affect our community.

In April, *Human Services Forum* focuses on Juveniles at Risk: Resources for Anxious Parents. Take a tour of the Norfolk Juvenile Detention Center and meet a man whose mission is to steer troubled youth away from crime before it's too late. Hear the story behind the Norfolk Sheriff's Department's "Straight Talk" program for troubled teens and find out what the Norfolk YMCA is offering to help parents cope with a difficult child of any age. *Human Services Forum* can be viewed daily on TV 48 and online at www.norfolk.gov/tv48

Human Services Forum. Tune in, get the facts and get involved!

Have You Ever Considered Adopting A Child? The Norfolk Department of Human Services is seeking Foster and Adoptive families to provide children in crisis with a warm, stable, and loving home. Our curriculum for pre-service foster parent training incorporates both foster and adoptive instruction, so that all parents receive dual certification. The state-mandated P.R.I.D.E. (Parent Resources for Information, Development, & Education) training program is a model of practices, geared toward five competencies:

- Protecting and nurturing children
- Meeting children's developmental needs and addressing development delays
- Supporting relationships between children and their families
- Helping children to develop safe and nurturing relationships intended to last a lifetime
- Working as a member of a professional team



If you have ever considered becoming a foster parent or adopting a child, please call **Nancy Brock, P.R.I.D.E. Coordinator, at 757-664-6079** for details. Additional information about foster and adoptive parenting may also be viewed online at: www.norfolk.gov/humanservices/fostercare.asp

Preventing Child Abuse Is Everyone's Responsibility. Mayor Paul Fraim proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Norfolk during a brief ceremony before City Council on April 5, 2005. The following individuals were acknowledged for their work with child abuse prevention efforts; the Honorable William P. Williams, Norfolk Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court; Jill Baker, Program Manager for Child Protective Services; Betty Wade Coyle, Executive Director of Prevent Child Abuse Hampton Roads; and Daralene Smith, CPS supervisor for Norfolk Human Services.

The Mayor's call for community awareness and support underscores the continuing need for everyone to recognize and help prevent the abuse and neglect of our most vulnerable citizens. According to the Virginia Department of Social Services:

- Last year, **6,876 children** in the Commonwealth were found to have suffered abuse or neglect, most often by their biological parents. An additional **8,597 children** were determined to be at risk for abuse and referred to family support services.
- **29 children died** as a result of abuse in fiscal year 2004. **21 of those children were four years old or younger. Twelve of them lived in Hampton Roads.**

Child abuse and neglect are often characterized as part of a cycle because parents who suffered abuse as children often end up abusing their own children. The cycle of abuse can be broken through support services and parenting education.

Public awareness efforts have received a boost from our local business community, including:

- A "stellar" turnout on April 7 for the **23rd annual Celebrity Night to Benefit Child Abuse Prevention.** Prevent Child Abuse Hampton Roads sponsored the popular event where local media and political personalities acted as hosts, waiters and bartenders at nine participating restaurants, including Baker's Crust, the Town Point Club, and the Azalea Inn in Norfolk. The goal this year was to raise \$20,000 for education and child abuse prevention programs in Hampton Roads. Celebrities included Regina Mobley of WVEC-TV; Ted Alexander of WTKR-TV; Jack Doyle, Norfolk Commonwealth's Attorney; Sharon McDonald, Commissioner of the Revenue; Norfolk Delegate Paula Miller; and GOP Chairman Michael Ball.
- The distribution of 13,000 Child Abuse Prevention fliers, created by the Department of Human Services. Chanello's Pizza, Cogan's, and Zero's Submarine are including these special informational fliers with each of their delivery orders in Norfolk during the month of April. The flyer offers a guide on how to recognize the signs of child abuse and neglect, how to report it and who to contact, tips for parents on how to manage stress, and a list of local resources. ***For businesses, civic groups, or service organizations interested in receiving and distributing these Child Abuse Prevention fliers, please contact Jan Callaghan, Public Information and Education at 664-6020 or at jan.callaghan@norfolk.gov***

DHS/WHRO-TV Partnership Explores “Aging Out” Of Foster Care. Making the transition from adolescence to adulthood can be difficult for even the most mature and privileged youth. For children who are “aging out” of foster care, that transition can be considerably more difficult.

On Thursday, May 26 at 10 p.m., the PBS documentary “Aging Out” chronicles the daunting obstacles that three foster teens encounter as they are forced to fend for themselves.

Throughout the month of May, the Department of Human Services and WHRO-TV will be working together to expand public awareness of the financial, educational and emotional challenges facing our local foster teens and how the community’s support can make a difference. Stay tuned for more information on local programs devoted to the aging out issue on WHRO-TV, WHRV-FM and Norfolk’s TV48.

LIBRARIES

Pretlow Branch Library’s Move Signals A Brighter Future for Norfolk Public

Library. On Friday, April 1 Pretlow Branch Library opened at its temporary location at 120 Balview Avenue, just one block from the library’s old home on Granby Street.

Transforming the former garage to a friendly inviting library for residents was not an easy task. However, library staff say it was a labor of love. This new temporary location will allow full library service to continue in Ocean View throughout construction of the new Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch. Hours of operation, programming, and computer availability remain the same.

As staff and residents accomplish their daily tasks in the new location, there is a sense of excitement in the air. For this opening signals more than the fact that the library is preparing for construction of a new state of the art Anchor Branch to replace the old Granby Street building this fall. It also signals the beginning of city plans to breathe new life into the Norfolk Public Library system. In addition to the construction of the Mary D. Pretlow Anchor Branch, a second anchor branch is planned for the Broad Creek community. City leaders are also beginning to look at the possibilities for a new main library downtown.

Pretlow Branch Library will remain in the temporary location for about two years while the new Anchor Branch is built. For more information, call 441-1750.

Spend Your Summer Doing FUNtastic Reading. To read or not to read? That is the question children ask themselves every year as they face the long stretch of summer vacation. For children who don’t find reading a pleasurable experience, the prospect of spending the summer without having to read a book is bliss. However, when children go ten weeks without opening a book, it can actually make the act of reading even more difficult when they return to school in the fall. This is because children lose the equivalent of over two months of learning when they don’t read over the summer. Thus, when

students start back to school in the fall, they aren't reading on the same level they were when they left in June, but at the level they were reading in March or April. Over the course of a child's elementary career, as summer vacations spent without books accumulate, the result can be a child who is more than two years behind his peers who read year-round.

How much does a child need to read to maintain her skills? Jimmy Kim of Harvard's Center for Evaluation found that reading four to five books over the summer months had an impact on fall reading achievement comparable to attending summer school. In addition, the type of book the child read did not make a significant difference.

And where is the best place for the child to get her books? Why the public library, of course! So come to the library this summer and join the Summer Reading Club!

The theme for the 2005 Summer Reading Club is FUNtastic Reading featuring the circus. The Summer Reading Club consists of weekly programs, reading incentives, and prizes. The club begins June 19 and runs through August 27.

Each week children from pre-school through high school are invited to participate by reading and attending programs offered at each of the 12 Norfolk libraries and the Bookmobile. By visiting the Norfolk Public Library's website (www.npl.lib.va.us) and clicking on the name of your closest library on the map, you can access the calendar of events for each library and see the dates and times of the programs being offered this summer. Programs vary by library and include puppet making, magicians, visits from the zoo and other animal groups, clowns, ice cream, community helpers and story tellers to name a few. The programs are an invitation to visit the library, pick up a batch of new books, and tell us about the books that you read the previous week. Call 664-READ if you need more information.

Summer in the City....Read: A Reading Club for Adults. Adults, don't let the kids have all the fun this summer. Beginning June 19, you can join a summer reading club strictly for adults. Summer in the City ...Read is the theme for this relatively new program.

When you register, you'll receive a log sheet to record the books (or audiobooks) you read. At the end of the club, there will be drawings for prizes at every Norfolk library branch, with your chances of winning based on the number of books you've read during the summer. As you can see it pays to read. The club will end on August 27.



Sign Up for Free Online Newsletters & Book Reviews for Readers. Looking for some reading suggestions? Sign up for one or more of the following newsletters, and you will receive regular emails with newsletters listing recommended titles and other information in the category you chose.

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Newsletters and reviews offered include the following:

- **Alex Award for 2004**

Each year, ten books published for adults are selected to receive the Alex Award because of their potential appeal to teens. These awards are part of the Adult Books for Young Adults Project sponsored by YALSA and Booklist and supported by the Margaret Alexander Edwards Trust.

- **Michael L. Printz Award 2004**

This award, given by the American Library Association, honors the highest literary achievement in books for young adults for a book published during the preceding year, beginning in 2000.

- **NPL's Children's Book Highlights for the Month**

Every month, we will send subscribers a list of books, picked by our staff, especially for children.

- **Current Events**

A monthly bibliography on topics in the news.

- **Book Club Choices**

Every month, you'll learn about new fiction and nonfiction paperback releases that are sure to promote lively discussion in your book club.

- **Book Sizzle**

Stay up-to-date on books in the news. From authors on the air to the latest movie adaptations, you'll always know what's going on with this monthly newsletter.

- **Business**

Get a monthly heads-up on books that will help you get ahead in the world of business and finance, with books for everyone from CEOs to budding entrepreneurs and investors.

- **Children's Chapter**

Get an inside look at great titles for little book lovers. Independent readers will appreciate these monthly recommendations on exciting new chapter books in fiction and non-fiction.

- **Children's Picture Books**

A monthly preview of the best new books for budding readers. You will learn about sure-to-please choices for storytime.

- **Lifestyles**

From self-help and fitness to home decor, books designed to fit your active lifestyle and renew your spirit are featured here. This monthly newsletter will steer you toward the best new cookbooks, gardening guides, pet care manuals and more.

- **Meet the Author**

Go behind the scenes with weekly profiles of today's top authors. You'll find out what inspires and motivates your favorite writers and get a revealing glimpse of the person behind the book.

- **Meet the Children's Author**

Get bi-monthly profiles of some of the most popular children's authors. You'll discover where they find inspiration for children's stories and characters, as well as getting behind the scene looks at their own personalities.

- **Mystery**

Get the lowdown on the hottest whodunits. Twice a month, you'll receive updates on your favorite sleuths, forecasts of promising new mystery series, and profiles of top writers in the world of crime fiction.

- **New Fiction**

Stay informed on what's hot in fiction, from young sensations to established literary masters. Twice a month, you'll get reviews of tomorrow's bestsellers, with selections in women's fiction, historical novels, suspense and more.

- **Past and Present**

Stay informed on the people, places and events that influence world affairs. Every month, you will be directed to the best new books on current events, along with recommended memoirs, biographies and history titles.

- **Romance**

Enter the world of romance fiction, where love is always exciting and new. Twice each month, you can read reviews of the best new romance novels, from historical and contemporary love stories to romantic suspense and inspirational titles.

- **Science and Nature**

Find out about cutting-edge discoveries and travel to exciting destinations. This monthly preview features the best new books in medicine, biology and the great outdoors.

- **Science Fiction**

Step into the future with reviews of new science fiction titles that will take you to brave new worlds. This monthly report also recommends rising stars in fantasy and alternate history.

- **Teen Scene**

Take a sneak peek at the hottest new titles for young adults. From science fiction to romance, history to mystery, these monthly picks for teens offer something for every reader.

MACARTHUR MEMORIAL

History Channel to premier movie in conjunction with MacArthur Memorial exhibit.

In conjunction with the General Douglas MacArthur Memorial's special exhibit *Behind Barbed Wire: Japanese Internment Camps in the Philippines, 1942-1945* the History Channel will premier the Lou Reda Productions WWII documentary **The Rescue** at 6:00 PM on Friday, 20 at the MacArthur Memorial Theater. The Rescue is based upon Steven Trent Smith's book published by John Wiley and Sons, and will air for the first time on The History Channel at 9:00PM, Friday, 27 May 2005.

The MacArthur Memorial's exhibit *Behind Barbed Wire: Japanese Internment Camps in the Philippines, 1942-1945* tells the story of the 6000 Allied civilians who were incarcerated by Imperial Japan for three years until their liberation by MacArthur's forces in early 1945.

The Rescue tells the story of 40 Allied civilians that evaded capture on the Philippine island of Negros, were hidden by the guerrillas on that island, and eventually rescued by the U.S. Navy submarine USS Crevalle in May 1944. However, that was only part of the story because the rescue of the civilians served as cover for an even greater

strategic mission. On the neighboring island of Cebu, guerrillas had captured a Japanese Admiral with secret documents outlining Japanese naval battle plans for the ensuing Battle of the Philippine Sea.

The USS Crevalle's priority mission was securing these documents for intelligence purposes. A gripping and heretofore unknown tale from World War II, *The Rescue* is a story of courage, hardship, loyalty and survival.

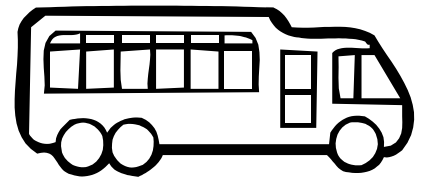
On hand for the premier will be the author of *The Rescue*, Steven Trent Smith. Books will be available at the MacArthur Memorial Gift Shop and Mr. Smith will conduct a signing before the premier. The premier of *The Rescue* is free and open to the public. Seating is limited so please make your reservation today. Contact James W. Zobel, Archivist at the General Douglas MacArthur Memorial for reservations.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND LEISURE SERVICES

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

Community News. The Division of Neighborhood Services is distributing “Good Neighbor Tips” brochures that contain a listing of helpful suggestions on how to establish and maintain good neighbor relationships. The “Good Neighbor Tips” are designed to be an informational resource that will empower citizens to make a difference in their neighborhoods. It is a good way to create positive relationships with residents and build strong neighborhoods throughout the city. The “Good Neighbor Tips” are currently available at each of the neighborhood service centers and recreational facilities in the Department of Neighborhood and Leisure Services. For further details, call 441-2400.

Neighborhood Pride Tours. The Division of Neighborhood Services 2005 Schedule for the Norfolk Neighborhood Pride Tours has been very successful. The tour program, originally developed to educate and build neighborhood pride, is now entering its seventh year and promises to be even more successful than years past. While previous tours have focused on general Norfolk annexation history, this year’s tour season offers participants the opportunity to take part in theme tours (see below) that include a 30-minute social break sponsored by area organizations and businesses.



DATE	NORFOLK NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE TOUR
May 14	Catching a Glimpse of the Future
June 11	Cornerstones: Historical Churches
July 9	Visiting a Patriotic Past
August 13	“Tree City” – A Natural Perspective

September 10	Port to Port
October 8	Famous & Mysterious Memorials
November 12	The Downtown Experience

At the end of each tour, participants will have the opportunity to offer feedback regarding their tour experience. This citizen feedback will be used in selecting which mobile tours are included in the Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference scheduled to take place September 22-24, 2005 in Norfolk. For further details, call our new NU Info Line at 441-2400, Extension 232.

Neighborhood University. All Interested persons wanting to take advantage of popular Neighborhood University courses are encouraged to visit the Division website at www.norfolk.gov/neighborhoods/services/university.asp and register online for upcoming courses or call the NU Info Line at 441-2400, ext. 232 for details.

Neighborhood Service Centers. Each of the neighborhood service centers and the Ocean View Project Team Office will be participating in the upcoming Neighborhood Clean-Up Project. Division staff and community leaders will partner with inter-agency partners, community leaders and civic groups to clean grounds surrounding the neighborhood service centers and other special target areas in communities throughout the City of Norfolk. Most of the neighborhood clean up activities will be conducted on Saturday, April 9th; however, several clean up projects are scheduled throughout the month for greater impact.

Call the following numbers for further details at each site:

Berkley NSC ----- 664-6450
Huntersville NSC ----- 664-7400
Little Creek NSC ----- 664-6300
Park Place NSC ----- 664-7500
Ocean View Project Team Office --- 441-1784

Tax Services Still Available at the Huntersville NSC. AARP is still providing tax services at the Huntersville Neighborhood Service Center through April 14, 2005. The services will be available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Huntersville NSC located at 830 Goff Street. For more details, call 664-7400.

Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference – 2005. Excitement is definitely in air among residents throughout the state regarding the upcoming 2005 Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference that will be held in Norfolk, Virginia on September 22-24, 2005 at the Sheraton Hotel in Downtown Norfolk. Division steering committee meetings are regularly being held to plan the best conference ever. All civic leagues, community interest

groups and residents are encouraged to plan now to attend this year's affair. It promises to be a very worthwhile and informative learning experience for everyone.

Since Norfolk is the host city, plenty of volunteers are needed for the success of the conference. If you are interested in being a volunteer or learning more about the Statewide Virginia Conference, visit our website at www.norfolk.gov/Neighborhoods/Services/VASNeighborhoodConference.asp or call our new NU Info Line at 441-2400, Extension 232 for further details.

RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center The center's indoor pool is open limited hours (until more lifeguards are hired). The pool is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday (not Wednesday) from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Norview Community Center Holds Charette. A Community-Wide charette for the new Norview Community Center was held on April 6th at the Norview Middle School. The work of the Norview Community Center Advisory Committee was presented as well as preliminary concept drawings to the community. Collaborative information gathered from this meeting will assist the architect to develop the tangible sketch and architect rendering for the new Center. The meeting was facilitated by NLS Assistant Director Deborah Morton and Principal Architect Jack Clark of Rancorn Wildman Associates.

"You Can, With Knowledge Workshops". The East Ocean View Recreational Center, located at 9520 20th Bay Norfolk is holding "With Knowledge" workshops for adults and students ages 13-18 on Monday and Wednesdays from 4:00p.m.-5:00p.m. Remaining sessions are:

How to Save and Invest your Money (ADULTS) April 18
(YOUTHS) April 20

PRESENTED BY: Sun Trust Bank Representative and Glenda Sharp

Being an Effective Leader (Youths) April 25
(Adults) April 27

PRESENTED BY: Community Service Board Susan Stanley and Glenda Sharp

Incentives and awards will be available to participants.

Norfolk Silver Dolphins Swimming Team Scores. Norfolk Silver Dolphins, Madison Hahn and Zac Paryzek swam at the USA Virginia State meet which was held at Radford University. Zac swam in eight events while Madison competed in six events. Of the 14 events, 13 events earned the swimmers their Personal Best. At the meet, Norfolk Silver Dolphins came in 21st out of 45 registered USA swim teams with a total of 158 points. ODAC



scored only 293 team points. Richmond Racers came in 22nd with 150 points (8 swimmers).

Zac swam two "AAAA" times 50 fly & 100 fly. Madison swam two "AAA" times 50 back & 100 back. The only non-Personal Best event was Zac's 100 free 1.01.85 where he won fastest in Virginia.

Over Spring break both Zac and Madison are representing The State of Virginia at Junior Nationals in Sewell, N.J., as part of USA Team Virginia. Travel, room & board expenses and meet fees were paid for by Virginia USA Swimming. Zac will swim in 4 events: the 100 Free, 200 Free, 500 Free and 100 Fly and Madison will swim in the 50 back.

In three years, the Norfolk Silver Dolphins have achieved enough to compete in Junior National Swimmers.

Titustown Recreation Highlights

- The Titustown Recreation Center held its first "Teen Summit" on March 24, with 15 teens participating. Ingleside Recreation Center participants also participated. Invited guest speakers were Sharon Shaw from DEFY (Drug Education for Youth) and Clifton Russell of NLS Youth Development. The topics were "Finding a Positive Note, Building Self Esteem" with Ms Shaw and "What is Youth Development" and "Are we ready for Summer Jobs." Door prizes and dinner was sponsored by the Titustown Advisory Board. The teens in attendance enjoyed themselves and said they were looking forward to the next summit.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Youth Conservation Corps. The Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) "First Line" partners met to discuss plans for the upcoming 2005 summer program. The meeting focused on budgetary concerns, new and old partnerships, site placement and targeted youths. The YCC is an eight week summer job training program that provides youth with the opportunity to learn about responsibility and ethics in the workplace while assisting with the maintenance of the natural areas within the city of Norfolk. This partnership collaborative between the City of Norfolk, Department of Human Services, Neighborhood and Leisure Services, Department of Public Health, and Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority will begin June 20, 2005. Also, a certification program, i.e. First Aid training and CPR, etc. will be implemented for select youth workers as well as new partnerships with the Kirn Library and Norfolk Public Schools. An Informational flier, job applications and health forms will be distributed to select locations in mid April.

Targeted Outreach-Update. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia's Gang Prevention - Targeted Outreach Program will soon be presented to a number of regional

youth service agencies. The community referral team that consists of representatives from area Boys and Girls Clubs; Virginia Beach Parks and Recreation; City of Norfolk-Division of Youth Development, Virginia Beach Police Department, and Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority will complete the final implementation stages of the program and its goal to provide at least fifty “border line” youths with alternative programs to avoid possible youth gang recruitment.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Anyone interested in volunteering to work in any of the Neighborhood Service Centers, Neighborhood University, Virginia Statewide Conference or other programs in the Division of Neighborhood Services should call 441-2400 for additional information.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

City Living, Norfolk Style Lecture Series

The Norfolk Neighborhood Design and Resource Center, together with the Hampton Roads Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, are sponsoring a series of lectures that cover various aspects of housing, preservation, design, remodeling and renovation in Norfolk. **Join us the third Thursday of each month at 7 in the evening.**



April 21, 2005

Landscaping

Speaker: Billy Almond, WPL

May 19, 2005

Financing Your Renovation/Remodeling Project

Speaker: A panel of lenders from various local financial institutions

June 16, 2005

Zoning and Sustainable Neighborhoods

Speaker: Lenny Newcomb, City of Norfolk

TBD

The Painted Ladies-A Closer Look at the Victorian Style

Speaker: Greg Rutledge of Hanbury Evans Wright and Vlattas

ADMISSION is FREE and Open to the Public. All lectures are held at the Neighborhood Design and Resource Center located at 111 Granby Street, downtown Norfolk.

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact Andrew Northcutt at 664-6784 or andrew.northcutt@norfolk.gov. For a complete schedule of upcoming lectures visit www.norfolk.gov/planning/comehome/City_Living_Lecture_Series.asp.

MAKING HOMES, SCHOOLS AND WORKPLACES SAFER TOGETHER

By Lynn Underwood, CBO [Code Official City of Norfolk]

I often begin a speech about building safety with a question: “How many of you live or work in a building?” After some begin to raise their hand, others realize they have been had. Then I follow with another question” “How do you know that you are safe in that building?” That leads to my subject building safety cannot be assumed. There are parts of the world where buildings are not built according to our modern standards and your safety cannot be expected. But, we are fortunate indeed that we enjoy the most modern, comprehensive codes in history. Those codes have proven their worth in life savings and property protection. In fact, recent disasters including major earthquakes in the Pacific Northwest and hurricanes on the Atlantic Coast have caused much less damage than their predecessors decades before, all because of building codes.

For thousands of years, building codes and regulations have protected the public. The earliest known code of law — the Code of Hammurabi, written more than 4,000 years ago — assessed severe penalties, including death, if a building was not constructed safely. The first building code in the United States was in our own State, that of Jamestown. Today, Virginia joins thousands of jurisdictions across the nation who adopt and enforce the International Codes developed by the International Code Council to guide the safe construction of buildings.

Building code enforcement is the job of safety professionals who work at your local city or county building department. During the week of May 8-14, your local building department will be a part of the worldwide celebration of Building Safety Week. Building Safety Week raises public awareness of building safety to promote the use, enforcement and understanding of building safety and fire prevention codes to protect lives and property. “Making Homes, Schools and Workplaces Safer Together” is the theme of Building Safety Week , May 8-14, 2005.

Building code regulations in Virginia help to ensure that homes, schools, workplaces and other buildings, are as safe as possible. Building codes address all aspects of construction including fire and life safety, structural integrity, electrical, mechanical, plumbing systems and property maintenance. “Safe buildings don’t happen by chance,” said *John Catlett, President of the Virginia Building and Code Official’s Association (VBCOA) an International Code Council chapter*. “Building Safety Week recognizes the important professionals who make sure the buildings in our community are safe. Public safety is our number one concern.”

Local events to celebrate Building Safety Week including several outreach activities such as presentations at local and national building material supply stores “Building and Code Officials are here to help the public understand building safety issues,” said **Catlett**.

“In this age of do-it-yourselfers it becomes extremely important for homeowners to work with Virginia Code Officials to make sure their residence fully complies with building safety codes.”

The importance of regulating and enforcing building codes is, unfortunately, often overlooked until a catastrophic tragedy occurs. By inspecting buildings during and after construction, Cities and Counties in Virginia help to ensure that buildings in the community are safe places to live, work, play and learn. Most Building Departments across Virginia also enforce property maintenance regulations, review building plans, issue building permits and conduct inspections. Building Safety Week, first observed in 1980, is sponsored by the International Code Council Foundation, an organization dedicated to changing the devastating effects of natural disasters and other building tragedies worldwide by promoting ideas, methods and technologies that encourage the construction of durable, sustainable buildings and homes.

VBCOA is an active Chapter of the International Code Council, a membership organization dedicated to building safety and fire prevention. The International Code Council develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states that adopt codes choose the International Codes developed by the International Code Council.

Mark Warner, Governor of the State of Virginia will proclaim **May 8-14, 2005 as National Building Safety Week.**

POLICE

38 Police Recruits Graduate; Diversity Marks New Class. A graduation ceremony was held March 17 for 38 Norfolk Police recruits, members of the 72nd Basic Recruit Academy. The Honorable Peter G. Decker, Jr. addressed the graduates, personnel and guests. Held at Granby High School, the event celebrated the achievement of the graduates and acknowledged the support and sacrifices of their family members. As a prelude to his swearing-in Officer Melvin Williams, who sings opera, set the tone for the evening by singing the National Anthem *a cappella*.

Chief of Police Bruce P. Marquis presented achievement awards in four categories: the Firearms Award was presented to Officer Paul Fedorko for attaining the highest proficiency in firearms skills. Officer Efrain Velazquez received the Physical Fitness Award for achieving the highest score on the physical fitness test. Joining Chief Marquis in presenting the Honor Graduate Award was Sergeant Harry Twiford, president of the Fraternal Order of Police, sponsor of the award. Officer SeKou Bangoura, for attaining the highest scholastic average, received this honor. The last award presented was named for Officer Lewis “Kit” Hurst, killed in the line of duty in 1972. The recipient of the Kit Hurst Award is selected by fellow classmates based on the officer’s knowledge, courage and integrity. Class President Danny Turnquist was selected for the honor.

As is the normal cycle of events, the 73rd Basic Recruit Academy commenced a few days after the graduation of the 72nd session. Twenty-five recruits were inducted into the

Academy on March 28, 2005. Perhaps most notable about this group of recruits is the diversity of the class. It is a cultural melting pot, with members originating from Spain, Russia, Chile, West Indies, and Bolivia. The oldest member of the class is 43; the youngest, 23. Enrolled are several former U.S. Navy personnel, one former U.S. Marine, a past Submarine Forces commanding officer, members who served as sheriff's deputies, and members who worked as waitress, refrigeration mechanic and physical education teacher.

POLICE DIVISION UPDATES

(Reprinted from The Vigilant, department newsletter)

THE SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT DIVISION, which consists of the Traffic Unit, K9 Unit, Metro Tactical Unit, Harbor Patrol Unit, and School Crossing Guards, is a multi-function command with varied responsibilities. The division handles more than 35 regularly scheduled special events each year, such as Harborfest, Afr'Am Festival, Ocean View Festival, Azalea Parade, etc., in addition to the numerous sporting events, concerts, parades, demonstrations, etc. which arise each month. These responsibilities are handled while providing service to the City of Norfolk in the form of traffic management, high crime patrol response, waterborne asset protection and patrol, explosive detection, crowd control, and school crossing safety.

In 2004 the Traffic Unit handled nine traffic fatalities and issued 18,960 traffic summonses. The K9 Unit executed 543 commercial searches and 568 residential searches, with 469 area searches/tracks, and 42 explosive detection sweeps while making, or assisting in, 241 felony arrests. The Harbor Patrol Unit continues to provide security for the cruise line vessels visiting Norfolk, escort assistance to the United States Coast Guard for volatile liquid natural gas vessels entering Hampton Roads, patrol, and recovery services as far south as North Carolina when assisting other agencies. The Motor Carrier Safety Team has, to date, collected \$43,873 in fines, representing 44.73 percent of the projected FY05 goal of \$98,000. Vehicle inspections of commercial carriers have generated an additional \$15,018 in revenue.

The division recently handled the Norfolk Diabetes Half Marathon and the Martin Luther King Day march. Preparations have been underway for the beginning of the busy annual event season, which began in March with the Saint Patrick's Day parade and the Azalea Festival and parade in April. A K9 handler and explosive detection training school will also commence this spring along with more homeland defense related training for various members of the division.

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES BUREAU. During December of 2004 and January of 2005, the Robbery Section conducted a proactive surveillance and arrest operation. Historically, these two months produce the highest number of reported armed robberies. This operation was designed to achieve the following goals: increase surveillance in

identified target areas of the city, to identify and watch robbery suspects, and to arrest and charge as many robbery suspects as possible.

To accomplish this task, members of the Special Operations Team were detailed to the Robbery Section. S.O.T. members' expertise in surveillance and felony suspect apprehensions was invaluable to the success of the operation. As a result of this operation, 25 arrests were made in December and 41 arrests were made in January. These arrests exceeded all expectations; information gathered during interrogations has contributed to clearing numerous cases.

The Vice and Narcotics Division recently concluded an undercover operation that targeted street-level drug dealing in the areas of East Ocean View, Fairmount Park, Calvert Square, and Southside. As a result, on February 2, 2005, 28 suspects were indicted by a Norfolk Circuit Court Grand Jury on 103 drug-related charges. The undercover operation also led to the execution of three search warrants, the recovery of five firearms, and the arrests of 12 additional suspects on 22 drug and firearms related charges. A quantity of cocaine, heroin, and marijuana was also recovered. The Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control Board, Virginia Lottery Commission, and Norfolk Health Department assisted the Vice and Narcotics Division with the execution of one of these search warrants and, as a result, additional administrative charges are pending against the proprietors of a Southside convenience store. This undercover operation will undoubtedly have a positive impact in the targeted neighborhoods by enhancing the quality of life of the law-abiding residents who live and work there.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BUREAU. In mid-February, the department officially took over the TWA building facing North Military Highway, which will be the new home of the Second Patrol Division, Training Division, and Crime Analysis Section later in the year.

Personnel should begin moving into the TWA building not later than October 1. Wal-Mart takes possession of the current Second Patrol Division site on November 1.

Once the blueprints for the TWA building are completed, preliminary floor plans will be drafted for a new Second Patrol Division facility to be located on the site adjacent to Oakwood Elementary School.

Progress continues on the Live Fire Shoot House. Construction will begin as soon as we have approval from the City's codes official.

As for the proposed new firing range, we are in a "holding pattern" until we learn how much the City will fund for FY06. However, we are considering the architects' proposal for adding an additional classroom and three 50-yard lanes.

1942 Auxiliary Police Officer Badge Recovered by VBPD Now Part of NPD Museum.
By Jim Melchor--NPD Curator.

February was Black History Month. NPD celebrated the 60th anniversary of our first black sworn officers, Horace Case and Thomas Weaver, who joined our department in

1945. Chief Marquis hosted a reception at the historic Attucks Theatre to honor Case and Weaver, as well as those who followed in their footsteps. To support this event, the Norfolk Police Museum prepared a photo exhibit of our early black male and female pioneers. This exhibit is now on permanent display in the museum.

Early in the US involvement in World War II, there was a severe manpower shortage on the home front. NPD was affected by this manpower shortage and hired Auxiliary Police Officers to assist with civil defense matters. Generally speaking, these Auxiliary Officers were too old or otherwise not eligible for regular military service.

At the end of January this year, the Virginia Beach Police Department notified us that they had recovered one of our early badges and returned it to us. This gold filled Norfolk Auxiliary Police lieutenant badge was manufactured by S. M. Reese, NY. It is inscribed on the back, "To Lt. W. P. Thorogood, From Colored Auxiliary Police December 25th 1942." Wenford Paul Thorogood was sworn in by Chief John F. Woods in May 1942 along with 26 other "colored" auxiliary officers for civil defense service during WW II. This badge is also on permanent display in the Obsolete Badge Case in the Norfolk Police Museum.

PROJECT UPDATES

Regional Joint Land Use Study Update. Since the Council's LEG Committee met on Tuesday, the Hampton Roads Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) Policy Committee met on April 7th to review the status of negotiations between the City of Virginia Beach and the U.S. Navy. These discussions have been concerning future land use recommendations in defined noise zones adjacent to the Oceana Naval Air Station. An agreement between Virginia Beach and the Navy is the last major issue to be resolved before concluding the study.

It was reported at the meeting that the agencies have reached a mutually agreed upon "Statement of Understanding". While not resolving all issues, the "Statement of Understanding" provides an agreed upon framework for land use planning and development near Oceana. The next step in the process, is to incorporate the agreed upon language into the final JLUS report prior to the final Policy Group meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 21st. It is anticipated that the Policy Committee will formally approve the final JLUS report at this meeting.

Upon acceptance of the final report, the next action is for the City Councils of Virginia Beach, Chesapeake and Norfolk, as well as the Navy, to formally endorse the report in early May.

City Hall Fountain. The contractor, A. T. Zoby, is completing the repairs to the water lines that feed the fountain. The City hopes to have the work completed prior to the May 11 annual Police Memorial ceremony.

Barraud Park Restrooms to Set New Standards. When the new restroom facility at Barraud Park opens this month, the \$218,000 structures will not only augment the park facilities, it will also serve as a new prototype for public restrooms. Neighborhood and Leisure Services and Public Works' Design Division worked together to design an aesthetically pleasing, yet vandal-resistant restroom facility. Among other improvements, the new facility will feature automated flushing toilets, new countertop sinks, hand dryers, soap dispensers, and napkin holders. In addition, the facility is ADA-accessible. The City believes that the materials used will make the investment cost effective because of their resistance to vandalism. This new facility should serve the needs of the public for many years.

Union Streetlighting Project Update. Work is underway to upgrade lighting along Union Street and around City Hall. The current light fixtures are old and beyond repair. Work on this project includes boring a new conduit under the current sidewalk and installing a junction box. When the infrastructure work is completed Service Electric will lay the foundation for new streetlight poles. In May, Dominion Power will install sixteen (16) "Green Fluted" poles with Acorn fixtures. The project is expected to be completed by the opening of Harborfest.

Booking area renovation at the jail – complete.

Freemason Street Garage – Work continues and is on schedule to have the garage ready by July/August.

Norfolk jail elevator modernization – finishing up work; balance of funds are being reprogrammed to fix the jail hot water boilers.

Jail hot water boilers – all 3 boilers have failed. Emergency declaration has been made and we are working to put into place temporary service while we have new boilers fabricated and installed. All work should take about 5 months.

13th View Boat Ramp – We have designed new ramps. Waiting for Army Corp comments on our permits. Funding in FY-06. Will be applying for grants from VMRC for some offset to the expect \$525,000 costs. FEMA has been asked to pay \$130,000 from hurricane related damage toward the project.

Taylor Whittle House – old historic home. Burkhart Thomas is completing drawings. Working on plans with the buildings tenants to create a long term lease and then they would raise 50 percent of the costs to restore the home.

Janaf library roof – complete.

Chrysler Museum partial roof – waiting on weather to do tear down and roof replacement.

Victory Rover relocation – due to the new cruise terminal the Victory Rover needs to move; finalizing contract to formalize the arrangement; awaiting Army Corp approval under a nationwide permit to do the improvements adjacent to Town Point Park to facilitate the mooring of the vessel.

Downtown Plaza – two of the buildings have been vacated. Waiting on the demolition contractor to cause abatement of any asbestos and then demolish two of the buildings. We will then pave the area and improve the lighting so we can create additional parking as an asset of the parking system. Remaining buildings include the out parcels of McDonald's, Popeye's, ABC store, gas station, and then one large building which will vacate in 2007.

Norfolk Fitness and Wellness Center – We have done a number of roof leak repairs. Still working on a few last leaks. Prior to June 1st we will be replacing carpets and floor tiles that are damaged and/or old and we will fix up the restrooms. We have repaired the pool and it is in operation. Work is ongoing to secure three tenants and fill out the N&L Services program so that it can start June 1st.

City Hall Entrance improvements for ADA – we are investigating enhancements to the entry doors to create improved accessible entranceways. Initial study work is to be completed this week. We will then decide on how best to proceed.

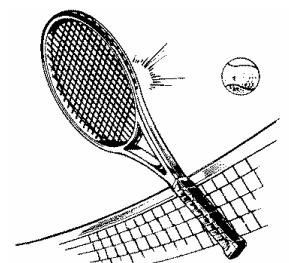
Lambert's Point golf Course – course is essentially complete and just needs some time for grasses to grow this spring. Clubhouse and driving range structures are behind schedule and we have asked for an update this week to determine when we should schedule the grand opening. Delays in materials and underground site issues around the clubhouse have caused the timing issues.

City hall lobby – We have contracted with Clark Nexsen to take a look at renovation to the lobby area.

Norview community Center – NRHA is having lands appraised to facilitate a possible swap of some lands needed for the center construction.

Lambert's Point recreation center – a proposal has been sent to Norfolk Southern for rights to use adjacent lands they own to facilitate the development of the new center.

Fergus Reid Tennis courts – work is being planned pursuant to agreement with the community to renovate the restrooms. In addition as soon as a contractor can be lined up we will upgrade the clay materials in



the courts and repair the irrigation system for the courts as soon as we activate them. The last item they requested and we agreed to is a fence around the perimeter without fencing and to have it landscaped. We will accomplish all of this during the summer. PW is looking at a related request for sidewalk work. I am working on a sales agreement to sell a small portion to Orapax Inn.

Young Terrace window replacement – complete

2nd patrol facility – work is ongoing to create a temporary location by October at the former TWA building. Work is also beginning on design for a permanent new 2nd precinct adjacent to Oakwood School.

Campostella Resource Center – We should have the appraisal on land any day now and then consummate a purchase. Design charette with the community is about to be scheduled. Additional funding in FY-06 will be required. Scope is a typical resource center plus a small community room and to make it complimentary to the surrounding neighborhood.

Northside Park softball – tear down of the press boxes and renovation of the dugouts. Creation of additional storage capacity. Also, a contract is being put into place with URS to evaluate creation of additional softball fields.

City office renovations – we are working on some concepts of new assignments of space which once decided will then dictate the roll out of next steps in office renovations.

PUBLIC WORKS

Scotts and Keep America Beautiful Join With Local Residents To Create Community Green Space In Norfolk--Urban Oasis Gives Community a Place to Enjoy Healthy Lawns and Beautiful Gardens in the Heart of the City. Norfolk and the NEC have been chosen as one of five national sites by The Scotts Company to receive funding and products for a community garden. Coordinated by the Norfolk Environmental Commission, Norfolk Redevelopment Housing Authority and Scotts Lawn and Garden Products, dozens of volunteers will transform community space at the Calvert Square Family Investment Center into a Community Garden as part of the 20th Great America Cleanup™.

The Scotts Company, the world's leading marketer of branded consumer lawn and garden products, and Keep America Beautiful®, the nation's foremost community improvement organization, have teamed with Norfolk residents to beautify the city by creating a community green space in the Calvert Square Family Investment Center. Located at 875 Bagnall Rd., the green space will provide a landscaped recreation area complete with flowers, shrubbery, and a healthy lawn, keeping the environment in mind, to

give Norfolk citizens a chance to experience the serenity of nature amidst the bustle of the city.

Work on the garden takes place **April 30** as part of a new national initiative to inform millions of people annually how to maintain healthy lawns and gardens while being good environmental stewards. The organizations will also create community green spaces in Orlando, FL.; Atlanta, GA; Columbus, OH; and on Long Island, NY. Tilling, planting, mulching and other projects will take place 8am-Noon, culminating with an unveiling of a mermaid and ladybug release, with gardening classes for residents held in the afternoon.

Keep America Beautiful® Launches its

20th Great American Cleanup™--Norfolk Environmental

Commission Part of National Campaign to Tackle Eyesores and

Improve Quality of Life in Communities. Volunteers will improve

the quality of life in Norfolk as they clean up litter-strewn areas and fix up and beautify eyesores during Keep America Beautiful's

Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest annual community improvement program, through June 11. Events include Scotts

Community Garden Day (April 30th), Festival Recycling and Clean

the Bay Day (June 11th). Civic organizations, youth groups, businesses and individuals are encouraged to roll up their sleeves and support clean communities. To volunteer, call 441-1347, or go to www.norfolkbeautiful.org.



EARNN = Environmental Award for Recycling in Norfolk's Neighborhoods.

The EARNN Program began in 1998. This program, sponsored by the City of Norfolk, has rewarded many civic organizations for increasing community participation in the curbside recycling program and other environmental activities. Currently, 15,443 Norfolk eligible households are participating in the EARNN program through 28 civic leagues. The new, automated curbside recycling program, known as the "Big Easy," makes curbside easy by using a 95 gallon rolling cart for collection. The "Big Easy" has increased city-wide participation to over 50 percent and has almost tripled the amount of recyclable materials collected. Greater recycling collection reduces the amount of valuable materials that would otherwise end in a local landfill. Recycling helps protect our environmental, our economy, and will save the City of Norfolk waste disposal costs.

You and your civic organization have an opportunity to make a difference in our community. Participation in this program will help to preserve natural resources and will promote environmental stewardship in your neighborhood. Civic groups achieving outstanding results will receive cash awards for their positive impact on Norfolk's environment.

Here's how your civic organization can participate in the EARNN Program:

1. Submit an EARNN Program agreement form.
2. The Norfolk Environmental Commission will contact your Civic organization to arrange a meeting.
3. Your organization will receive educational materials on curbside recycling and other environmental programs.
4. You and your organization members begin promoting curbside recycling in your neighborhood.
5. Your organization will receive annual reports of your participation level.
6. EARNN cash awards will be distributed annually for your level of participation.

For more information, please contact:

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3500-A Granby Street
Norfolk, VA 23504
757-441-1347 / Fax: 757-441-5825



Street Lights. The City Policy regarding the installation of street lighting on residential streets is done through a petition process. Investigations to justify consideration for the installation of street lighting are done only for an entire block. They are made upon receipt of a petition signed by a minimum of 51 percent of the residents of property abutting on the entire block in question. If justification is warranted, the street lighting will be installed under the following provisions:

- Street lights will be installed on the entire length of the block.
- The number, size, type and location of street lights to be installed will be determined by the City of Norfolk.

Although it is recognized that a certain amount of illumination will spill onto private properties as a result of the installation of the street lights, no shielding or shading of any type will be authorized in order to prevent this from occurring.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NPS Named a Finalist in Prestigious Broad Competition Again This Year. For the third year in a row, Norfolk Public Schools has been selected as one of five finalists for the Broad Foundation's national education award. Norfolk Public Schools was selected from a pool of over eighty urban districts across the country. As a finalist in 2003 and again in 2004, the district has received \$250,000 in scholarship money.

The Broad Prize is presented to a district in recognition of improving overall academic achievement and narrowing the achievement gap between student populations. The winning district will receive \$500,000 in scholarships.

“Being selected again for the third time is very exciting,” Interim Superintendent of Schools Dr. Denise Schnitzer explains. “The continued recognition coming in from prestigious organizations like the Broad Foundation truly validates our work and is a clear indicator that the efforts of our teachers, students, and administrators are paying off.”

The other four finalists are Aldine Independent School District (TX), Boston Public Schools (MA), New York City Department of Education (NY), and San Francisco Unified School District (CA). A jury of well-known education, business, political, and community leaders will make the final selection.

For more information, visit our website at: www.nps.k12.va.us.

Help prepare your child for success in school. Register them now for Norfolk’s prekindergarten programs. Registration for Norfolk Public Schools prekindergarten program will take place April 1-29. Parents and guardians of children who will be four years old by Sept. 30, 2005 are encouraged to go to the nearest public school to obtain information about this valuable educational program. Space is limited, so it is important to register early.

To qualify, children must meet the age requirement, live in Norfolk, and show need for the program. Prekindergarten is a program that gives children the extra help and readiness skills needed to be successful in kindergarten and first grade.

- Parents or guardians should bring the following to the school:
- The child’s birth certificate (not a hospital certificate)
- Record of a physical examination and TB skin test
- Updated immunization record
- Child’s social security card
- Proof of residence (utility receipt, lease agreement, etc.)

Additionally, Norfolk Public Schools offers, on a more limited basis, a program for youngsters who turn three years old by September 30, 2005. Please call 628-3921 to learn more about these early learning opportunities.

UTILITIES

Utilities Receives National Recognition For Customer-Service Oriented Videos. In January, the Department of Utilities "Quality Service Quick Snapshots" won the Crystal Award of Distinction in The Communicator Awards 2004 Video Competition. The “Award of Distinction” is awarded for projects that exceed industry standards in production or communication skills. These short videos are aired on WCTY, TV 48 and promote the customer services provided by the Department of Utilities.

The two "Quality Service Quick Snapshots" entered in the competition were "Ensuring the Quality of Your Drinking Water", featuring the water quality laboratory and staff, and "Dig with C.A.R.E. Keep Virginia Safe", featuring the Utility locating program and operations crews. Cef Hitchings, Winnie Yarrow (Water Quality), and Keri Cahoon (Water Production) took part in the filming of "Ensuring the Quality of Your Drinking Water", the first QS Quick Snapshot to air on WCTY.

The "Dig with C.A.R.E." segment features the wastewater crew of Mike Dixon, Richard Parker, John Munoz, Drew Edwards, Corey Smith, Clarence Taylor, and Darnell Davis, filmed while repairing a main on Commodore Drive. Also featured in that segment are Miss Utilities locator Mike Seymour and Water Treatment Plant Maintenance Technician Willie Collins. All endured repeated takes and showed lots of patience and good humor.

The next QS Quick Snapshot will explain how residents can help "Fight the Fat" by keeping fat, oil, and grease out of the sewer system. It is currently being filmed and is scheduled for completion in March.

ZOO

Cita Joins The Herd At The Virginia Zoo. The Virginia Zoo and the Indianapolis Zoo are pleased to announce that an African elephant from the Indianapolis Zoo has now joined the elephants at the Virginia Zoo in Norfolk. Cita [SEE'-TAH], a 35-year-old elephant, is the new herd mate to Monica and Lisa, both of which have been at the Virginia Zoo since 1976 and are estimated to be 32 years old. The Indianapolis Zoo donated Cita to the Virginia Zoo so that the Zoo will have three elephants in its herd, which is the minimum number recommended for facilities accredited by the American Zoo & Aquarium Association (AZA). Both zoos are accredited and are among 78 AZA zoos and facilities that hold approximately 300 of the 500 elephants in North America.

The move was approved by the AZA's Species Survival Plan (SSP) for African elephants, a cooperative breeding program in North American zoos to manage and expand the populations of endangered species. The Indianapolis Zoo, which has enjoyed historically significant success in its elephant breeding program utilizing artificial insemination, now holds four adult female African elephants and a juvenile male, and two of its adults are pregnant – one is due in November 2005 and the other in September 2006.

Moving an animal such as an elephant is an event that requires close coordination between the zoo staffs. According to Virginia Zoo Director, Lewis Greene, "The decision to move Cita from Indianapolis to Virginia presented a win-win situation for her and for both zoos. We are very happy that Cita will be able to enjoy a home equally as enriching as the one she had in Indianapolis, and she, in turn, will be a wonderful new companion for our elephants."



Added Indianapolis Zoo president and CEO, Mike Crowther, “We believe she will be able to adapt easily to new surroundings and companions as she has consistently appeared more comfortable in smaller groups rather than larger herds. This is a very good opportunity for her to experience some new mental and physical stimulation. We are very happy to help out the Virginia Zoo as part of the cooperative programs among AZA zoos across the nation.”

Cita came to the United States in 1971 and was originally owned by a safari park in California. When that facility closed, Cita went to Animal Actors of Hollywood and starred in three well-known movies – *Sheena Queen of the Jungle*, *Pee Wee’s Big Adventure*, and *The Color Purple*. Cita was then owned by a company that specialized in elephant rides before joining the Indianapolis Zoo herd in 1987.

At the Virginia Zoo, Cita will join Monica and Lisa in their portion of the eight-acre Okavango Delta African plains exhibit. Constructed at a cost of \$15.8 million and opened in 2002, the Okavango Delta offers the elephants a one-acre exhibit with a pool, a structure for enrichment items, and a 3,600 square foot holding area.

Following a period of quarantine in the holding facility and successful introductions to the other elephants, Cita will be on public exhibit this spring.

IN THE COMMUNITY

DOWNTOWN NORFOLK COUNCIL SIGNS CONTRACT WITH ARTS MARKET

Two years ago, “Support and Strengthen the Cultural Arts” became a key objective of the Downtown Norfolk Council. Since then, a Cultural Arts Task Force, under the leadership of John Morison, former President of WHRO Radio and Director of the Virginia Symphony, has sought to better understand both the issues and the opportunities that face the cultural arts in Hampton Roads and downtown Norfolk. The original task force has expanded to include representatives from Hampton Roads’ major universities as well as more regional representatives.

The Downtown Norfolk Council has hired the consulting firm of Arts Market to conduct a study and comparison of “Best Practices” from throughout the country and to identify what factors could bring Hampton Roads to the forefront as a cultural destination. The study will be complete in the Fall of 2005.

DOWNTOWN NORFOLK COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS DEVELOPMENTS AT TIDEWATER COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A new student center, a better defined campus and TCC's new administrative offices were part of the vision for TCC's Norfolk campus shared by President Dr. Deborah DiCroce when she revealed her vision for each of TCC's campuses, particularly the downtown campus, at the DNC's Quarterly Downtown Update on March 9th. More than 150 people attended the Update, held at the recently renovated George M. & Linda H. Kaufman Theatre at the Chrysler Museum of Art. Enrollment numbers are far exceeding expectations at the Norfolk campus and partnership opportunities continue to present exciting opportunities for the future. The need for a library may be an opportunity to join with the City of Norfolk in the development of a new downtown library. The new student center also offers partnership opportunities with the private sector for child care facilities and food service.

Tidewater Community College is currently working closely with the City's design consultant, Ray Gindroz, Urban Design Associates with a focus on downtown's Granby corridor and TCC's place in it.

INTERNATIONAL DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION

Plan Well. And Your Ship Will Come In... that is the theme for the 2005 Spring conference of the International Downtown Association. The conference, which takes place May 14-16 at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott, will be a gathering place for downtown professionals and city planners from throughout the world.

Downtown Norfolk Council is proud to host this event and particularly pleased with the community support that has enabled the steering committee to reach its fundraising goal. MacArthur Center is the Title sponsor of the event and William Taubman will address conference delegates as a keynote speaker. The conference program can be viewed on-line and anyone with an interest in downtown revitalization is encouraged to participate.

LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER

The Life Enrichment Center of Norfolk, located at 230 Bute Street in Norfolk, offers a variety of programs that provide a life-giving environment to individuals transitioning from one life phase to another through instruction, support, counseling, and encouragement. The volunteers, staff, and mentors endeavor to equip and empower the participants in the Center's various programs as they set and accomplish their goals at crucial junctures in their lives.

Those who are unemployed or underemployed, single mothers and their children, at-risk children and adolescents, GED and literacy students, those overcoming addictions, and women within and exiting the Norfolk City Jail are served. Each program offers a mentoring component, thus providing assistance to each participant as he or she grows

and puts healthy plans and decisions into action. The mentors provide the support and encouragement needed to make an important and restorative step forward in life. For more information, call 757-623-6001 or email Kevin Turpin or Sandra Christmas at lecnorfolk@verizon.net

ANNUAL FIELD TRIP BRINGS STUDENTS FROM MINNESOTA TO THE HERMITAGE

Each year for the last 30 years, Dave Zimmer has brought the senior class at Mabel-Canton High School in Mabel, Minnesota to Norfolk for a tour of The Hermitage Museum. Zimmer began this field trip when he was a Social Studies teacher at Mabel-Canton. Now retired from teaching, Zimmer continues the tradition as a tour guide with Hawkeye Stages, the charter travel company which schedules the annual field trip. Thirty-six students from rural Mabel, population 776, get a chance to visit extraordinary historic and cultural sites during the 9-day trip which includes visits to Gettysburg, Harper's Ferry, Mt. Vernon, Williamsburg, and Washington D.C., as well as The Hermitage Museum and Naval Station Norfolk. This year, the senior class will arrive in Norfolk for a Hermitage tour at 9:30, Thursday morning, April 14.

This will be Zimmer's second trip to The Hermitage this year. At the end of March Zimmer added another school to the traditional trip and accompanied Dean, John Smith, and 25 seniors from neighboring Lanesboro High School, in Lanesboro, Minnesota. The students spent an hour with the docents and staff, touring the newly renovated Hermitage, posing for pictures, and presenting Special Events Manager, Sarah Reddin, with an official Lanesboro "Burros" sweatshirt. After learning the history of construction at The Hermitage, student, Katlyn Redallen found the Hermitage "interesting because of its unique architecture and was most impressed by "the way Mrs. Sloane redesigned the rooms." Another student, Dustin Flattum, enjoyed the relaxed environment, echoing Dave Zimmer's feelings that The Hermitage always has great hospitality.

FYI

VIRGINIA FIRST CITIES END OF SESSION UPDATE ON LEGISLATION AFFECTING CITIES

April 14, 2005

VFC INITIATED LEGISLATION

Bill Number Patron	Bill Summary	Status
SJ 275	Constitutional amendment; property exempt from	Senate: Passed 35-4. House: Passed 93-5.

Edwards	taxation. Authorizes the General Assembly to enact legislation to permit localities to provide a partial exemption from real property taxation for real estate and new structures and improvements in conservation, redevelopment, or rehabilitation areas.	
HJ 633 Ingram	Constitutional amendment property exempt from taxation. Same as SJ 275.	House: Passed Senate: Passed
SB 1269 Locke	Housing Authorities Law. Authorizes housing authorities to acquire blighted commercial and industrial properties through the power of exercise of eminent domain. Currently, housing authorities may exercise such power for single- or multifamily dwelling units or structures.	Senate: Passed 33-7 House: Tabled in General Laws 9-8.
SJ 402 Locke	Study; best educational practices and programs. Requests the Dept. of Education to study the best educational practices and programs for use in public schools.	Stricken at patron's request
HJ 665 Dillard	Study; No Child Left Behind. Directs JLARC to examine the capacity of Virginia's public education system to meet the standards and requirements of the SOQ, the SOL, the SOA, and the NCLB.	PBI in House Rules.

Bills Which Passed:

HOUSING & REDEVELOPMENT

Bill Number Patron	Bill Summary	Status
HB 2041 Hamilton Support	Neighborhood Assistance Act. <i>Summary as passed.</i> Increases the maximum tax credit that individuals may receive from \$750 to \$ 50,000. <i>Incorporates HB 1788 (BaCote).</i>	House: Passed substitute 95-0. Senate: Amended. Passed 38-0. House: Agreed with Senate. Governor: Approved
HB 1820 Suit Oppose	Eminent domain; right of entry. <i>Summary as passed:</i> Changes the provisions associated with a condemnor's entry onto property: (i) expands the information provided in the initial request for permission to inspect and strengthens delivery requirements; (ii) requires that the notice of intent to enter be posted or delivered to the owner in person, as well as being sent by certified mail; and (iii) if the owner files an action to recover damages caused by entry and is awarded judgment in an amount 30 percent or more than the condemnor's final offer, or if the court finds that the condemnor maliciously or recklessly damaged the property, the court may award the owner reasonable costs.	House: Passed substitute 98-0. Senate: Passed substitute 38-0. House: Agreed with Senate. Governor: Approved.
HB 1821 Suit Oppose	Eminent domain procedures <i>Summary as passed:</i> Modifies the provisions associated with acquisitions under eminent domain by (i) requiring the condemning entity's acquisition of real property be conducted in accordance with provisions that are only precatory under current law and providing that if an owner is awarded at trial as compensation for the taking of or damage to property an amount that is 30 percent or more greater than the amount of the petitioner's written offer, the court may award the owner reasonable appraisal and engineering fees, and reasonable fees and travel costs for up to 3 expert witnesses. Doesn't apply to cases involving easements valued at less than \$10,000 or in which a petition in condemnation or certificate of take or deposit was filed	House: Passed substitute 96-1. Senate: Passed substitute 38-0. House: Agreed with Senate. Governor: Approved.

	before 7/1/05.	
SB 301 O'Brien	Eminent domain. <i>Summary as passed.</i> If property acquired by eminent domain is declared surplus within 15 years of the condemnor's being vested with title, the condemnor must offer to sell the property to the former owner at the original sale price plus interest at an annual rate of 6 percent, with price adjustments made for any improvements.	Senate: Passed 40-0 House: Passed substitute Senate: Agreed with House. Governor: Approved
SB 1075 Ticer Smart Growth Bill	Zoning. <i>Summary as passed:</i> The zoning board in a county with a county manager, may include a provision for the dedication of density or other rights to develop real property, as defined by the locality, from one or more parcels of property that are not the subject of a development application and are located in the locality to one or more parcels of property that are the subject of a development application and are located elsewhere in the locality. As amended, applies only to Arlington County.	Senate: Passed substitute 39-1. House: Passed substitute 76-17 Senate: Reject House substitute. Conference: Substitute agreed to by Senate & House. Governor: Approved.
HB 1851 Eisenberg	Transfer of development rights. Allows localities to include in their zoning ordinances provisions for the transfer of some or all specified development rights, including density and other rights as defined by the locality, from one or more parcels of property located elsewhere in the locality. <i>House amended the bill to apply to Arlington County.</i>	House: Amended. Passed 91-6. Senate: Passed substitute 38-0. House: Reject Senate sub Conference: No Action Taken: Fails
HJ 685 Hall	Study; private youth group homes. <i>Summary as passed:</i> Establishing a joint subcommittee to study private youth and single family group homes in the Commonwealth. <i>Incorporates HJ 703 (Melvin).</i>	House: Passed substitute. Senate: Passed substitute House: Agreed with Senate.

ENTERPRISE ZONES

SB 983 Watkins Governor's Bill	Enterprise zones. (Same as HB 2570) <i>Summary as passed:</i> <i>Reauthorizes and changes the EZ programs of 7/1/05.</i> New eligibility criteria targets program to economically distressed localities. 50 percent of the selection criteria for Zone designation will be based upon locality-wide measures including median family income, free and reduced lunches and unemployment. Over time the total number of zones will be reduced from 60 to 30. The number of sub-zones was increased from 2 to 3. Other changes: 1) the general tax credit will no longer be available for any newly qualifying businesses, 2) real property tax credits will be replaced by grants and will allow EZ benefits for property improvements to flow to investors in redevelopment and mixed-use projects. 3) The criteria for job grants have been modified to encourage jobs with benefits, job grants have been increased to a maximum of \$4,000. New retail or service businesses will not be eligible for job grants. Localities whose zones expired last year will compete for renewal this year for 6 available zones designations under newly established criteria.	Senate: Passed substitute 39-1. House: Passed substitute 94-4. Senate: Reject House substitute Conference: Substitute agreed to by House & Senate Governor: Approved.
HB 2570 Dudley Governor's Bill	Enterprise zones. <i>As introduced same as SB983. Major difference between bill as passed by House was a two-year enactment delay. As passed the bill is the same as described for SB983 with enactment 7/1/05.</i>	House: Amended. Passed 91-5. Senate: Passed substitute 27-1. House: Reject Senate substitute Conference; Substitute

		agreed to by House & Senate Governor: Approved.
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EDUCATION

SB 779 Potts	SOQ. Requires local school boards to (i) implement a program of data collection & analysis and use the results in instructional program evaluation; (ii) implement any actions identified through the academic review of schools accredited with a warning; (iii) Report annually the results of industry certification exams; (iv) annually review professional development programs; and (v) report compliance with the SOQ annually. <i>Bill requested by State Board of Education to assist in dealing with local school boards that refuse to implement accountability standards.</i>	Senate: Passed substitute 38-0. House: Passed substitute 91-6. Senate: Agreed with House Governor: Approved.
HB 1762 Dillard	SOQ. <i>Summary as passed:</i> Same as SB 779.	House: Amended. Passed 98-0. Senate: Passed 40-0. Governor: Approved.

HEALTHCARE

HB 1938 O'Bannon	CSBs and behavioral health authorities. Permits the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to transfer appropriated funds for mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse services directly to operating community services boards and behavioral health authorities.	House: Passed 95-0. Senate: Passed 40-0. Governor: Approved.
SB 843 Deeds	Mental health transition plan. <i>Summary as passed:</i> Requires the Board of Juvenile Justice, after consultation with the Board of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services and other related agencies, to promulgate regulations for the planning and provision of mental health, substance abuse or other therapeutic treatment services for persons returning to the community following commitment to a juvenile correctional center or postdispositional detention. The plan shall be done prior to the person's release to ensure continuity of necessary treatment and services.	Senate: Amended. Passed 40-0. House: Passed substitute 98-0. Senate: Reject House substitute. Conference: Substitute agreed to by House & Senate. Governor: Approved.

WATER QUALITY

SB 810 Williams	Water Quality Improvement Fund point source grants. <i>Summary as passed:</i> Deposits \$50 million from the general fund into the Water Improvement Quality Fund on 7/15/05, to be used solely to finance the costs of design and installation of biological nutrient removal facilities or other nutrient removal technology at publicly owned treatment works designated as significant dischargers. The amount of financing available to the treatment facility will vary from 35 percent to 75 percent of project costs, depending on the financial need of the community. There are provisions for grants that exceed these categories and funds can be used statewide. The General Assembly and Secretaries of Natural Resources and Agriculture are directed by 11/30/05 to find a permanent source of funding to generate necessary future	Senate: Amended. Passed.
SB 1235 Quayle		House: Passed substitute. Senate: Reject House sub Conference: Substitute agreed to by Senate & House. Governor: Approved.
HB 2777 Louderback		House: Passed substitute 98-0. Senate: Passed amended sub 40-0. House: Reject Senate substitute. Conference Substitute agreed to by House &

	revenues. In addition, the moneys currently used to capitalize the Fund, 10 percent of the general fund surplus and 10 percent of the unreserved general fund balance, will be distributed differently: 70 percent are to be used for implementing best management practices to reduce nitrogen and phosphorous nonpoint source pollution; 30 percent will be disbursed for designing and installing state-of-the-art nutrient removal technologies for publicly owned treatment works that are designated as significant discharges. If future legislatures do not appropriate funding, the 70/30 nonpoint source/point source ration will not apply and will be instead allocated by the Sec. of Natural Resources.	Senate. Governor: Approved.
HJ 640 Callahan	Study funding options for Chesapeake Bay cleanup. <i>Summary as passed:</i> Establishes a 7-member joint subcommittee to study options to provide a long-term funding source to clean up Virginia's polluted waters, including the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries and to study state unfunded liabilities (underfunding of state pension and other benefits and the underfunding of the Virginia Pre Paid Tuition Program.	House: Amended. Passed 96-0. Senate: Passed substitute House: Reject Senate substitute. Conference: Report agreed to by House & Senate.

OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST

HJ 707 Landes	Study; Two Term Governor. Continues joint subcommittee study.	House: Passed 96-0. Senate: Passed
HJ 713 Byron	Study; workforce development and training. <i>Summary as passed:</i> Establishes a joint subcommittee to study the need for greater consolidation or coordination of the workforce development and training resources available.	House: Passed substitute Senate: Passed

DEFEATED/STRICKEN/TABLED (in bill number order)

Bill Number Patron	Bill Summary
SB 702 Reynolds	Medical assistance services. Requires the state plan for medical assistance services to include a provision for payment of medical assistance for aged and disabled individuals with incomes up to 100 percent of the federal poverty guideline. <i>Passed Senate 40-0. Tabled in House HWI.</i>
SB 733 SB 848 Reynolds Quayle	Enterprise zones; extension of authority. Extends the expiration date for the statutes governing enterprise zones and extends the 20-year time limitation for selected enterprise zones by two years. The provisions extending the 20-year time limitation are made retroactive to January 1, 2005. <i>Left in Senate Finance.</i>
SB 735 Reynolds	Enterprise zone designations. Allows 1 enterprise zone in any locality to consist of 3 noncontiguous zone areas. Currently, one enterprise zone may consist of two noncontiguous zone areas. Extends the expiration of the Enterprise Zone Act from 7/1/05, to 7/1/10. <i>Left in Senate Finance.</i>

SB 750 Edwards	Rail Transportation Development Authority. Establishes the Rail Transportation Development Authority to be responsible for identifying needed construction, reconstruction, improvements, or repairs to railroads and their facilities and equipment. <i>Left in Senate Finance.</i>
SB 764 SB 812 Locke Williams Support	Residue parcels of land. Requires the CTC to offer residue parcels to the local governing body of the locality wherein the parcels are located before otherwise disposing of them. <i>Left in Senate Transportation.</i>
SB 847 Quayle	Charter; City of Hopewell. Certain state funding mandates will be suspended if in any calendar year the increase in the CPI is more than the increase in the assessed value of private real estate in Hopewell, adjusted for general reassessment. <i>Left in Senate Local Government.</i>
SB 850 Cuccinelli	Firearms; carrying on public property. No person who lawfully possesses a firearm shall be prohibited from carrying such firearm on public property or the buildings thereon unless specifically prohibited by law. <i>Left in Senate Rules.</i>
SB 920 Blevins	Local recordation fee. Allows localities to impose a fee not to exceed \$250 on certain recorded instruments that are subject to the state recordation tax. <i>Left in Senate Finance.</i>
SB 967 O'Brien	Assessment of fees by DMV on certain drivers. Requires the DMV Commissioner to impose and collect fees on drivers under certain conditions. The fees will be used to support issuance of bonds whose proceeds are to be used in the highway construction. <i>Stricken at patron's request.</i>
SB 986 Watkins Richmond Only Support	Sentencing guideline point enhancements for certain firearm crimes in certain localities. Provides that when the discretionary guidelines worksheets are prepared for cases in which the primary offense is murder, robbery, or assault and any such offense is committed with or attempted with a firearm, the guidelines worksheets shall be amended to allow for additional punishment for any locality in which certain criteria are met. <i>Left in Senate Courts of Justice.</i>
SB 1129 Lambert	VA Public Building Authority; museums and cultural and arts facilities. Authorizes the VPBA to issue bonds not to exceed \$85,625,000 to fund and construct specific capital projects for museums and cultural and arts facilities in the Commonwealth. <i>Left in Senate Finance.</i>
SB 1182 Rerras	Enterprise zones; extension of authority. Extends the expiration deadline for enterprise zones by two years, from July 1, 2005, to July 1, 2007. <i>Left in Senate Finance.</i>
SB 1199 Williams Support Blight Bill	Local ordinance requiring removal of petroleum facility improvements. Authorizes any locality to require that the owner of improvements at a motor fuels retail facility, within 3 years after the premises cease to be used as such a facility, shall remove all improvements and grade the surface, and maintain the surface in a natural or vegetated state until another use is established on the site. <i>PBI in Senate Local Government.</i>
SB 1206 Mims Oppose	Affordable housing. <i>Summary as passed the Senate:</i> Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a locality shall adopt or implement an affordable housing program after 1/1/05, that provides for a developer to pay a contribution as a part of approval using a (i) special exception, (ii) special use permit, (iii) site plan or (iv) subdivision process. <i>Passed Senate 24.16. Stricken at patron's request in House Counties, Cities & Towns.</i>
SB 1271 Cuccinelli Oppose	Local condemnation authority. Amends the definition of "public uses" for which localities may exercise the power of eminent domain. <i>Defeated in Senate Local Gov't. 6-9.</i>
SB 1337 Stosch	Video Infrastructure Development. Seeks to encourage video infrastructure development by equalizing franchise requirements for all competitors to use the public rights-of-way. <i>Left in Senate Commerce & Labor.</i>
SJ 302 Miller	Study; effect of detention on truancy. Study the effect of detention on truancy. <i>Left in Senate Rules.</i>

SJ 316 Norment	Constitutional amendment; establishment of special funds. Authorizes the General Assembly to establish a special fund for specified purposes and to dedicate a revenue stream to the fund. <i>Substitute incorporates SJ 381(Howell). Left in Senate Finance.</i>
SJ 370 Whipple Support	Study; VA Housing Commission. Directs the VA Housing Commission to study the feasibility of requiring the owner of an existing multifamily housing property to notify the housing authority and nonprofit housing organization, if any, in the locality in which the property is located of the intended sale and to provide the authority or nonprofit housing organization with a right of first refusal for it's purchase. <i>Left in Senate Rules.</i>
SJ 384 Hanger	Assessment of real property. Beginning with the 2008 tax year, real property shall be assessed for tax purposes at no more than 102 percent of the assessed value of such property in the proceeding tax year. <i>Left in Senate Finance.</i>
HB 1504 Shuler Opposed	BPOL. Requires localities that impose the BPOL tax to (i) eliminate license fees by 1/1/07, (ii) exempt the first \$100,000 of gross receipts from taxation by 1/1/07, and (iii) reduce the several different rates currently in the Code to a flat rate of 20 cents per \$100 of gross receipts. <i>Tabled in House Finance 22-0.</i>
HB 1510 Shuler	VA Public School Authority; grants for school construction. Authorizes the Authority to issue bonds to fund grants to local school divisions to pay the costs of school construction, school renovation, and other infrastructure projects. <i>Tabled in House Appropriations.</i>
HB 1566 Cosgrove	Recordation tax; limits fee imposed by localities. Allows localities to impose a fee not to exceed \$250 on certain recorded instruments that are subject to the state recordation tax. <i>Tabled in House Finance 21-0.</i>
HB 1771 Dillard	SOQ; requires employment of school operations and business managers. Amends the staffing requirements set forth in the SOQ to require the employment of school operations and business managers. <i>PBI in House Education21-1.</i>
HB 1760 Dillard	Solid waste disposal fees. Establishes a \$1 per ton municipal solid waste disposal fee to be collected by localities in which municipal solid waste landfills are located. <i>PBI in Agriculture, Chesapeake & NR.</i>
HB 1783 BaCote Support	Residue parcels of land. Requires the CTC to offer residue parcels to the local governing body of the locality wherein the parcels are located before otherwise disposing of them. <i>Stricken at patron's request.</i>
HB 1785 Bacote	Control of firearms; libraries. Localities may adopt an ordinance that prohibits firearms, ammunition, or components or combination thereof, in libraries that are owned or operated by the locality. <i>PBI in Militia, Police & Public Safety.</i>
HB 1806 Marshall, RG Oppose	Local condemnation authority. Amends the definition of "public uses" for which localities may exercise the power of eminent domain. <i>Tabled in House Counties, Cities & Towns.</i>
HB 1823 Frederick Smart Growth Bill	Zoning ordinances; transportation requirements. In determining the transportation requirements of the community, and prior to adopting a zoning ordinance or any amendment thereto, the locality shall conduct an assessment of road improvement needs within the locality and determine the impact of any proposed zoning amendment upon the existing road capacity. <i>PBI in House Counties, Cities & Towns.</i>
HB 1906 Baskerville	Alternative education programs. Amends the SOQ to require school boards to establish alternative education programs for disruptive, suspended, and expelled students. The bill also requires appropriate state funding. <i>PBI in House Education.</i>
HB 1954 Jones, DC Support	Highway construction, maintenance, and improvement contracts. Gives the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner authority to let all contracts for highway construction, maintenance, and improvements up to \$10 million in value instead of the present \$2 million. <i>Stricken at patron's request.</i>
HB 2048 Callahan	VA Public Building Authority. Authorizes the VPBA to issue bonds not to exceed \$85,625,000 to fund and construct specific capital projects for museums and cultural and arts facilities. Includes funds for a number of VFC cities. <i>Left in Appropriations- funds included in Budget amendments.</i>

HB 2207 Marrs	Trade and commerce; enterprise zones. <i>Summary as passed by the House:</i> Extends the sunset provision of the Enterprise Zone Act to expire 7/1/07. Changes the "qualified zone resident" definition. <i>Incorporates HB 1952 (Kilgore), HB 1964 (Ingram), HB 2001 (Dudley); HB 2279 (Spruill). Passed in the House 96-0. Stricken in Senate Commerce & Labor.</i>
HB 2276 Oder Support Blight Bill	Local ordinance requiring removal of petroleum facility improvements; penalty. Any locality may provide that the owner of improvements at a motor fuels retail facility, within t3 years afterit ceases to be used as such a facility, shall remove all improvements and grade the surface, and thereafter shall maintain the surface in a natural or vegetated state until another use is established on the site. <i>Stricken from the docket.</i>
HB 2534 Ingram Oppose	Video Infrastructure Development and Competition Act of 2005. Seeks to encourage video infrastructure development and promote the public interest in lower prices and higher quality video services by equalizing franchise requirements for all competitors to use the public rights-of-way. <i>Tabled in Labor & Commerce.</i>
HB 2761 Van Landingham Support	SOQ; no local funds required to support federally mandated student assessments. No local funds shall be required to support federally mandated student assessments that are not required by the SOQ or the SOA. <i>Stricken from the docket.</i>
HB 2847 Scott	Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund. Increases the percentage of TTF revenues flowing to the Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund from 14.7 percent to 19 percent. <i>Tabled in House Appropriations.</i>
HJ 576 Dillard Support	Study; student attendance; report. Requests the Department of Education to study the correlation between student attendance and achievement in the Commonwealth and methods of improving attendance. <i>PBI in Rules.</i>
HJ 623 Saxman Support	Unfunded state mandates. Provides that the Commonwealth is prohibited from (i) reducing the state-financed proportion of the costs of any existing activity or service required of localities or (ii) mandating new activities or services without full funding. <i>Tabled in Privileges & Elections.</i>
HJ 639 Welch	Study; constitutional officers. Establishes a subcommittee to study the operations, functions, & funding of constitutional officers. <i>PBI in House Rules.</i>
HJ 645 Plum	Teachers; encourages Gov. to include funding for salaries. Encourages the Governor to include adequate funding to attain the national average for teacher salaries by 2010. <i>Tabled in House Rules.</i>
HJ 655 Spruill	Study; fiscal autonomy for elected school boards. Directs JLARC to study implications of granting fiscal autonomy to elected school boards in Virginia. <i>PBI in House Rules.</i>
HJ 682 Marshall, RG Support	Impact fees. Provides that the General Assembly shall provide by general law that any locality may adopt an ordinance providing for the assessment of impact fees. <i>Tabled in House Privileges & Elections.</i>
HJ 690 May	Study; desirability of using underground electrical transmission lines. Directs the JLARC to study the desirability of using underground electrical transmission lines as an alternative to the overhead installation of such lines. <i>PBI in House Rules.</i>
HJ 699 Amundson	Local handgun regulations. Prohibits the General Assembly from enacting any law restricting the powers of any locality to regulate the open carrying of loaded handguns in public. <i>PBI in House Privileges & Elections.</i>
HJ 719 Scott	Study; Affordable housing. Directs the Virginia Housing Commission to study the authority of localities to provide incentives to developers to preserve the supply of affordable single and multifamily housing. <i>PBI in House Rules.</i>

Additional information on legislation can be obtained from to the General Assembly Legislative Information web site (<http://legis.state.va.us>). From the home page, go to Legislative Information Systems – Session Tracking – 2005 Session – Bills and Resolutions.

2005 TAX LEGISLATION: END OF SESSION STATUS

April 14, 2005

Sales & Use Tax

Bill Number Patron	Bill Summary	Status
SB 708 Chichester	Sales & use taxes. <i>Summary as passed:</i> Reduces the rate of the state sales and use tax on food for human consumption to 1.5 percent beginning 7/1/05. Under current law the rate of the state sales and use tax on food is 3 percent, and is scheduled gradually to be reduced to 1.5 percent by 7/1/07. <i>Incorporates SB 751 (Edwards) and SB 1193 (Potts)</i>	Senate: Passed substitute 39-0. House: Passed 98-0. Governor: Approved.
HB 1638 Callahan	Sales & use taxes. <i>Summary as passed:</i> Same as SB 708. . <i>Incorporates HB 1634 (Bryant); HB 1635 (Welch); HB 1875 (McDougle); HB 2017 (Hall); HB 2339 (Athey); HB 2421 (Parrish).</i>	House: Passed substitute 97-0. Senate: Passed 39-0. Governor: Approved.

Local Tax Impact

HB 2679 Lingamfelter	Local business taxes; appeals to court. <i>Summary as passed:</i> Makes numerous changes to the appeals process regarding local business taxes. There is no requirement to "pay to play" in filing a judicial challenge of a decision of the State Tax Commissioner on an appeal of a local tax determination. Codifies the right of a locality to require payment in such cases when collection is rendered doubtful and provides explicit authority for withholding a refund ordered by the state Tax Commissioner during judicial review (initiated by the locality) of the decision. Also adds consumer utility tax disputes in excess of \$2500 (except wireless telecommunications services) to the list of appealable taxes. <i>Incorporates HB 2373 and 2374 (Ware).</i> <i>Governor's recommendation: Clarifies local license tax as business tax or local mobile property tax.</i>	House: Passed substitute 95-0. Senate: Passed substitute 38-0. House: Agreed with Senate. <i>Governor's recommendation approved.</i>
HB 2622 Byron	Return of local surplus funds. Allows any locality to develop a method for returning surplus real property tax revenues to taxpayers who are assessed real property taxes in any fiscal year in which the locality reports a surplus. Currently, this authority is granted to Albemarle County. <i>Incorporates HB 2861 (Black).</i>	House: Passed 97-0. Senate: Passed substitute 38-0 House: Agreed with Senate. Governor: Approved.
SB 1051 Wagner	Local real estate tax relief programs. <i>Summary as passed:</i> Changes authorized local real estate tax relief programs by (i) authorizing localities to use their median adjusted gross income of its married residents as a total income limit for eligibility, and (ii) authorizing localities to adjust the current net financial worth limit for inflation.	Senate: Passed 39-0. House: Passed substitute 98-0 Senate: Agreed with Senate. Governor: Approved.

Other Taxes

HB 2880 Nixon	Communications Tax Reform. <i>Summary as passed:</i> Directs the Auditor of Public Accounts to determine the amount of revenues received by local governments from certain communications services taxes and fees for fiscal year 2005. As introduced the bill set a statewide "flat tax" rate on all telecommunications and cable type services, with funds distributed back to localities.	House: Passed substitute 90-7. Senate: Amended. Passed 39-0. House: Agreed with Senate. Governor: Approved.
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DEFEATED (in bill number order)

Bill Number Patron	Bill Summary
SB 737 Reynolds	Tangible personal property tax relief. Reimbursements to localities will be paid in 12 monthly installments. Localities will provide personal property tax relief on qualifying vehicles equitably. The Comptroller will determine reimbursement payments by 4/30/06. <i>Left in Senate Finance.</i>
SB 781 Mims	Reimbursement of personal property taxes. A locality's share of the reimbursement for personal property tax relief will be determined based on total billings of the locality for the year 2005 as compared to the total billings of all localities for the same year. <i>Left in Senate Finance.</i>
SB 907 Norment SB 1138 Hanger	Estate tax. Conforms the amount of VA estate tax due to the maximum amount of the federal estate tax credit for state estate taxes. The bill effectively eliminates the Virginia estate tax. <i>Left in Senate Finance.</i>
SB 1100 Whipple	Local government taxing authority. Equalizes city and county taxing authority by granting counties the same authority available to cities. <i>Left in Senate Finance.</i>
SB 1137 Hanger	Local cigarette taxes. Allows counties to impose a local cigarette tax at the state cigarette tax per pack. <i>Left in Senate Finance.</i>
SB 1224 Bell	Personal property tax relief. Eliminates reimbursement payments from the state to local governments for providing tangible personal property tax relief on personal-use motor vehicles. <i>Left in Senate Finance.</i>
SJ 316 Norment	Constitutional amendment; establishment of special funds. Authorizes the General Assembly to establish a special fund for specified purposes and to dedicate a revenue stream to the fund. <i>P & E sub incorporates SJ 381 (Howell). Left in Senate Finance.</i>
SJ 362 Wagner	Constitutional amendment; local real estate tax relief. Localities may exempt, defer, or freeze the real estate taxes of persons 65 or older or permanently and totally disabled regardless of annual income or financial worth. <i>Left in Senate Finance.</i>
SJ 383 Hanger	Study; elimination of the tangible personal property tax on personal-use motor vehicles. Study the most efficient & equitable way to eliminate the personal property tax on the first \$20,000 of value of personal-use motor vehicles. <i>Left in Senate Finance.</i>
HB 1490 Tata	Estate tax. Conforms the amount of Virginia estate tax due from an estate to the maximum amount of the federal estate tax credit for state estate taxes. <i>House Finance substitute incorporates HB 1874 (McDougle); HB 2008 (Armstrong); HB 2750 (Hall). Left in Appropriations.</i>
HB 1536 Frederick	Car tax relief. Removes the cap on the overall amount of car tax relief that was created by the 2004 General Assembly Special Session and restores the car tax relief program as it was originally enacted. <i>Left in Appropriations.</i>
HB 1654 Lingamfelter	Car tax relief. <i>Summary as passed by the House:</i> Removes the cap on the overall amount of car tax relief. Gradually increases the amount of car tax relief to 100 percent of the reimbursable amount. <i>Incorporates HB2257 (Bell) and HB 1536 (Frederick). Passed the House 73-21. Left in Senate Finance.</i>
HB 2066 Rust	Car tax; dedication of income taxes to localities. Repeals the car tax reimbursement program and replaces it by dedicating 17.5 percent of the state individual income tax collections to localities. <i>Tabled in House Finance.</i>
HB 2257 Bell	Tangible personal property tax relief. Amends the personal property tax relief program effective 1/1/06, by establishing a reimbursement ratio to determine each locality's share of the \$950 million of total car tax relief. <i>Left in Appropriations.</i>
HB 2359 Watts	Local piggyback income tax and personal property tax. Allows localities to impose a local income tax on VA taxable income of individuals, trusts, estates, & corporations; if the personal property tax rate. <i>Tabled in House Finance 18-3.</i>

HB 2494 Louderback	Personal Property Tax Relief. Makes changes to the income tax and sales & use tax, increases the motor vehicle sales & use tax and reduces the sales price by the value of any trade-in, repeals local license taxes, eliminates the estate tax, eliminates accelerated sales tax payments by certain vendors, repeals the Personal Property Tax Relief Act. Specifies new income tax rates. <i>PBI with letter in House Finance.</i>
HJ 620 Cole	Constitutional amendment; exclude privately owned motor vehicles from property taxation. Exempts privately owned motor vehicles used for nonbusiness purposes from property taxes. <i>Passed House 57-38. Left in Senate Finance.</i>

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April 14, 2005

VFC End of Year: OVERVIEW OF 2005 TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVE

The budget conferees agreed on \$848.1 million for transportation. \$347.6 million in general funds, \$500.5 million in non-general funds. Of this \$189 million is recurring federal and state transportation revenue; the remainder is one-time general and non-general funds.

	<u>Budget Conference</u> (\$ in millions)	<u>Gov. Proposal</u>
Pay off project deficits (highways)	256.4	256.4
Service FRANs Debt	107.6	0
TTF Formula/6 yr. plan Allocations	141.1	123.4
State Road and bridge maintenance	97.4	97.4
Mass Transit Capital (statewide bus purchase \$5M)	75.0	80.0
Public-private partnerships	50.0	140.0
Revenue sharing/local partnerships (for counties, cities and towns)	75.0	80.0
Rail Fund	23.0	23.0
Upgrade State Welcome Centers	20.0	0
DMV Computer Systems	2.4	0
Take GF from transportation agencies	0	23.6
TOTAL	\$848.1M	\$824.0M

Elements of the Transportation Plans put forth by the Governor, the Senate and the House were incorporated into the budget actions. The following bills, associated with those plans did not move forward:

SB 1324 (Saslaw); HB 2736 (Reid); SB 1325 (Chichester); SJ 282 (Hawkins); HB 2771 (Callahan); HJ 742 (Wardrup)

OTHER TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

Bill Number Patron	Bill Summary	Status
HB 2793 Wardrup	Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund. Creates the Fund to be used by the Governor to encourage development of design-build transportation projects, projects under PPTA and for funds to address the transportation aspects of economic development opportunities.	House: Passed 95-0. Senate: Passed 40-0. Governor:

		Approved.
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PPTA

SB 1108 Stosch	Public-Private Transportation Act. Summary as passed: Makes several revisions to the PPTA. Authorizes the establishment of an interim agreement to provide for partial planning and development activities while other aspects of a qualifying transportation project are being negotiated and analyzed. Also (i) authorizes a private entity to request approval of multiple RPEs in proposed projects involving multimodal transportation facilities, (ii) authorizes RPE's to enter into comprehensive agreements with multiple private entities, (iii) requires the RPE to protect confidential information submitted by a private entity, and (iv) adds factors that an RPE may consider when selecting proposals. Requires the Secretary of Transportation to revise existing state guidelines pertaining to the PPTA by 10/1/05 and includes a provision allowing application of the revisions made by the legislation to certain existing qualifying transportation facilities. The bill is identical to HB 2666.	Senate: Passed substitute 40-0. House: Passed substitute 92-2. Senate: Agreed with House. Governor: Approved.
HB 2666 McDonnell	PPTA. Summary as passed: Makes several revisions to the PPTA. Authorizes the establishment of an interim agreement to provide for partial planning and development activities while other aspects of a qualifying transportation project are being negotiated and analyzed. Also (i) authorizes a private entity to request approval of multiple RPEs in proposed projects involving multimodal transportation facilities, (ii) authorizes RPE's to enter into comprehensive agreements with multiple private entities, (iii) requires the RPE to protect confidential information submitted by a private entity, and (iv) adds factors that an RPE may consider when selecting proposals. Requires the Secretary of Transportation to revise existing state guidelines pertaining to the PPTA by 10/1/05 and includes a provision allowing application of the revisions made by the legislation to certain existing qualifying transportation facilities. <i>Incorporates HB 2442 (Saxman) and HB 2443 (Saxman). Same as SB 1108.</i>	House: Passed 96-0. Senate: Passed substitute 40-0. House: Agreed with Senate. Governor: Approved.

RAIL

HB 2596 May	Rail Enhancement Fund. Summary as passed: Establishes the Rail Advisory Board and changes the name of the Railway Preservation and Development Fund to the Rail Partnership Fund, and dedicates to this Fund part of <u>the state's portion</u> of the tax on motor vehicle rentals. Establishes a 9-member rail advisory board, appointed by the Governor, to develop recommendations to the CTB regarding allocations of funds from the Rail Enhancement Fund. The board will work with the state and affected railroads to identify, develop, and advocate for projects and policies to enhance the quality and use of rail transportation.	House: Passed (95-0). Senate: Passed substitute 38-0. House: Reject Senate sub. Conference: Substitute agreed to by House & Senate. Governor: Approved.
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OTHER BILLS OF INTEREST

SB 746 Colgan	VA Resources Authority. Summary as Passed: Expands projects that can be financed through the Authority to include the design and construction of roads, public parking garages and other public transportation facilities, and facilities for public transportation by commuter rail.	Senate: Amended. Passed 40-0. House: Passed 98-0. Governor: Approved.
HB 1602 Fralin	Environmental impact reviews. Summary as passed. Any state agency, board, or commission that issues a permit required for a highway construction project must, within 15 days of receipt of an application, review it for completeness and either accept the application or request additional specific information from the VDOT. Also, unless a shorter period is provided for by law, regulation, or agreement, the state agency, board, or commission must, within	House: Passed substitute 86-12. Senate: Passed substitute 40-0. House: Agreed with Senate. Governor:

	120 days of receipt of a complete application, issue the permit, issue the permit with conditions, deny the permit, or decide whether a public hearing is required by law. If a public meeting or hearing is held, it must be held within 45 days and a final decision as to the permit must be made within 90 days of the hearing.	Approved.
HB 2084 Watts	CTB. Clarifies the roles of the CTB and gives local governing bodies greater flexibility when the latter administer VDOT-financed projects. The bill also corrects obsolete cross-references. <i>Governor's recommendation: The CTB shall ensure the total funds allocated to any highway construction project are equal to total expenditures, within 12 months following completion of the project (excludes debt service apportionments).</i>	House: Passed 97-0. Senate: Passed 39-0. Governor's recommendation approved.
HB 2605 Landes	Use of federal "transportation enhancement" grants by CTB. <i>Summary as passed:</i> The CTB Board shall, in accordance with federal law and guidelines for projects qualifying as "transportation enhancements," take such measures as may appear necessary or convenient to consider projects that will (i) address improvements to highway rest areas and welcome centers and (ii) accommodate anticipated quadricentennial tourism in Virginia.	House: Passed substitute 95-0. Senate: Passed substitute 40-0. House: Agreed with Senate. Governor: Approved.
HJ 689 Nixon	Study; cost-effective toll collection. <i>(As Passed):</i> Directs the Joint Commission on Technology and Science to study technologies available for cost-effective toll collection.	House: Passed. Senate: Amended. Passed. House: Agreed with Senate.

DEFEATED/TABLED/STRICKEN

HB 1563 Rust	Assessment of fees by DMV on certain drivers. Requires the DMV Commissioner to impose and collect fees on drivers under certain conditions. A portion of these fees, minus cost of collection, will be directed to the Transportation Partnership Opportunity Fund and the remainder will be directed to the Local Congestion Mitigation Incentive Fund. <i>Funding priority to non-attainment and high growth areas. Incorporates HB 1564 (Albo). Passed the House 57-40. Defeated in Senate Finance.</i>	
SB 967 O'Brien	Assessment of fees by DMV on certain drivers; use of fees collected. Same as HB 1563. <i>Stricken at patron's request.</i>	
HB 2330 Athey	Special funds for highway improvements in localities. Expands present revenue sharing fund program to include cities & towns. The annual match limit is raised to \$5 million per locality, and the total limit on state funds is raised to \$100 million. Up to 1/2 of local contributions may be proffers. <i>House amendments reduce the annual match limit to \$2 million and the total limit on state funds to \$50 million. Passed House 96-0. PBI in Senate Finance.</i>	
SB 993 Devolites	Special funds for highway improvements in localities. Same as HB 2330. <i>Senate companion bill. Left in Senate Finance.</i>	
HB 2630 Athey	Special funds for highway systems in certain localities. Expands the present revenue sharing fund program for counties to include cities and towns. <i>Tabled in House Transportation.</i>	
HB 2658 Black	Release of personal data by the DMV to toll facility operators. Extends the sunset on 2004 legislation that allowed the Commissioner of DMV to enter into agreements with private toll facility operators or toll collection technology entities to enable them to obtain from the DMV personal information in order to conduct motor vehicle research relating to methods of electronic toll collection. <i>Tabled in House Transportation.</i>	
HJ 527 McDonnell	Constitutional amendment; highway & transportation trust funds. <i>Summary as passed the House:</i> Requires the General Assembly to maintain permanent and separate Transportation Funds to include the CTF, TTF, and Highway Maintenance and Operating Fund <i>Incorporates: HJ 541 (Marshall, DW) HJ 550 (Frederick); HJ 562 (Black); HJ 563 (Fralin); HJ 585 (Marshall, RG); HJ 642 (Plum); HJ 6433(Plum); HJ 717 (Sickles); HJ 771 (Albo). Passed the House. Left in Senate Finance.</i>	

BEFORE YOU CHOOSE A REMODELER, DO YOUR HOMEWORK!

(Courtesy Of The Tidewater Builders Association)

Before you look for a contractor, think your project through from start to finish. Be prepared to tell the remodeler what you want, as specifically as you can. He or she will transform your ideas into reality using his/her expertise and professional knowledge, but only based on how much information you are able to supply in the beginning.

Some items to consider when selecting the contractor for your remodeling job:

First, qualify your contractor...

- Determine if the contractor's license status is appropriate for your size job. Class A contractors can make contracts of any value; Class B contractors up to \$70,000; Class C up to \$7,500. Require proof of license status (this should be based on your total job estimate).
- How long has the contractor been in business? Has the contractor had any serious complaints made with the Better Business Bureau (531-1300)?
- Require that the contractor show proof of worker's compensation & general liability insurance before you sign a contract.
- Request references. Also, ask if it's possible for you to visit with a current or completed job of the contractor's. Ask for at least one reference over one year old.
- Is the contractor a member of any trade association (Tidewater Builders Association and its Remodelers Council, 420-2434; Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, 622-2312; National Association of the Remodeling Industry, 703-276-7600 or other)?
- Are subcontractors used by the contractor properly licensed? Ask the remodeling contractor who will service the remodeling work installed?

Get Specific...

- Insist on complete specifications before signing a contract.
- Make sure the contract includes a payment schedule.
- The contractor's start date and estimated completion date should be included in the contract. How will foul weather impact the project? Will you have a vacation or other event that may interfere with the project?

- Ask the contractor what provisions and policies he employs to assure the safety, security and cleanliness of your home. Make sure these policies and provisions are clearly stated in your contract.
- Who will be your primary contact while the work is being performed, and will the contractor be readily available if there are any problems?
- What inconveniences will you be subject to and how long for each? Will workmen be using your telephone? What time will the work begin and end each day, and does this include Saturdays? Where will the workmen park? Where will deliveries of materials be designated to unload via trucks, etc.? Will restroom facilities be furnished by you or will the contractor supply a portable toilet? Find out when you will receive warranties for products purchased. Is there a warranty for workmanship in the contract?

Most important...

- It should be stated in the contract that the contractor must obtain a permit from the city. You should not get the permit. If you obtain the permit, this makes it almost impossible to hold the contractor responsible if any problems occur. The permit initiates inspections from the city to make sure the contractor is performing the work to meet regulations.

Ask yourself...

- Was the contractor cordial and responsive to my questions?
- Does the contractor fully understand the scope of the work?
- Will the contractor be responsible and responsive to my needs?
- If a discrepancy occurs, do I feel the contractor will promptly address my concerns?

MOST CHILD POISONINGS RESULT FROM COMMON HOUSEHOLD PRODUCTS

Every 7 minutes, a child arrives at an emergency room due to a suspected poisoning

About 78,000 children under five years old visited U.S. hospital emergency rooms due to unintentional poisonings in 2003 – about one every seven minutes, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Most of these poisonings included products commonly found in the home.

“While our nation has made great progress in reducing poison-related fatalities, we must build on our commitment to protect children from unintentional poisonings,” urged Stratton.

Parents can do their part, he noted, by keeping harmful products and medicines out of children's reach, storing items in their original containers, and properly using child-resistant packaging.

According to AAPCC, poison centers nationwide received more than one million calls about poison exposures involving children five years and younger in 2003. Among the potentially toxic household products involved with calls to the poison centers were:

- Personal care products, including baby oil and mouthwash containing ethanol;
- Cleaning substances, including drain openers and oven cleaners;
- Over-the-counter pain relievers – including ibuprofen, acetaminophen, and aspirin – and cough and cold medicines;
- Hydrocarbons, such as lamp oil and furniture polish; and
- Adult-strength vitamins and supplements containing iron.

When repackaged at home in non-child-resistant containers, medicines and potentially hazardous household products become even more accessible and dangerous for young children.

“Grandparents who keep their prescription drugs in non-child-resistant pill boxes should be especially aware of this risk,” said Soloway. “Child-resistant packaging doesn’t work if it’s not used properly.”

Many poisoning incidents occur while the products are in use and a parent or caregiver steps away or is distracted for a moment. Children can get hold of a product and swallow it during the short time it takes to answer a phone call or doorbell.

“The alarming number of poison center calls and emergency department visits proves that children act fast, and so do poisons,” said Kathy Wruk, president of AAPCC. “Parents must act fast as well. If your child swallows or handles a potentially dangerous product, immediately call the poison center hotline at 1-800-222-1222. Your call will be answered by experts at your local poison center.”

To get a free packet of poison prevention publications, write to “Poison Prevention Packet,” CPSC, Washington, DC 20207, or visit www.poisonprevention.org.

To report a dangerous product or a product-related injury, call CPSC's hotline at (800) 638-2772 or CPSC's teletypewriter at (800) 638-8270, or visit CPSC's web site at www.cpsc.gov/talk.html. To join a CPSC email subscription list, please go to www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.asp. Consumers can obtain this release and recall information at CPSC's Web site at www.cpsc.gov.

WORK ZONE SAFETY PROTECTS CITIZENS AND WORKERS

By John Tokarz, Department of Utilities Safety Manager

Here is a word association game: Think “smudge pots”.

What comes to mind?

Forget the dictionary, it won't help this time. For the correct answer we have to go back in time. In the early 50s smudge pots were cannonball-shaped devices filled with diesel fuel or kerosene with a wick on top. They were lit at night and placed along the edges of the road in work zones to guide motorists through detours.

And if you were the poor soul whose job it was to light and refuel these beauties, you soon understood how the term “smudge” became a part of their name. You were likely to have black soot all over you. Besides that they were unreliable and could be very dangerous because it was an open flame around fuel.

Work zone setup and the traffic control devices have come a long way since then. All states must conform to federal standards contained in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). This manual not only establishes conformity of the devices used (signs, signals, markings and other devices) but also establishes guidelines on their placement, flagger control and worker safety. In addition to the federal guidelines, the state of Virginia has incorporated additional standards in the Virginia Work area Protection Manual and the Work Zone Safety Pocket Guide.

As indicated earlier, work zone safety has evolved considerably in recent years. Here are some highlights:

- Most work zones can be divided into five areas. The ADVANCE WARNING AREA alerts motorists to the presence of work activities. The TRANSITION AREA shifts traffic into a new path. The BUFFER SPACE AREA is a safety area set aside for errant vehicle recovery. The ACTIVITY AREA is where the work is performed and the TERMINATION AREA returns motorists to normal driving patterns.
- Advance warning signs are used to ADVISE, WARN and DIRECT motorists and usually incorporate graphic signs to assist motorists in making maneuvers. Signs are usually placed on the right-hand side of the roadway, the exception being divided highways with a median of 8 feet or greater which require signs on both sides of the roadway.
- Signs mounted on posts shall be at least 7 feet from the bottom of the sign to the roadway elevation. The top of post mounted signs shall be a minimum of 9 feet high.
- Spring loaded sign stands shall mount signs so that the bottom is no less than 1 foot high from the projected edge of the pavement elevation.

- All work zone safety signs must incorporate fluorescent orange prismatic lens sheeting (diamond grade) and may be either roll up or static. Roll up signs may be used day and night, up to 14 consecutive days. Static signs placed on wooden posts must be used after 14 days.
- All portable sign supports purchased after October 1, 2000 must meet federal crash test standards (NCHRP 350). NCHRP 350 approved portable sign supports shall be used on all work zones after January 1, 2003 regardless of when purchased. Tripod type sign stands have NOT passed 350 testing requirements with either a metal or fabric sign.
- Sign spacing rules of thumb on urban streets with a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour or less = 250' +. Roadways with speed limits of 45mph or less = 350' to 500'. Roadways greater than 45mph speed limits = 500' to 800' spacing. Limited access highways = 1000' to 1500'.
- All work zone safety devices must be in good condition and properly maintained. To determine if your devices meet "acceptable" standards refer to ATSSA "Quality Standards for Traffic Control Devices".
- Traffic cones are allowed in "manned" work zones only and shall be 36" as of 1/1/96. Drums must be used in "unmanned" work zones and must have 6' stripes as of 1/1/99. Cones, drums, and tubular markers may NOT have auxiliary devices (signs, lights, etc.) attached to them after 1/1/2003. Such devices may become dislodged and damage vehicles when struck.
- Anyone who performs flagging operations within the Commonwealth's right-of-way is required to be flagger certified. Certification consists of formal training by a qualified instructor and successfully passing an exam. Flaggers meeting the requirements will be issued a certification card that must be carried whenever flagging.

Work zone safety is required by Federal and State laws. If properly implemented it protects the motorists, pedestrians and workers. It reduces potential liability and insures the efficient movement of vehicles through construction areas. For additional information and VDOT manuals contact:

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Attention: Work Zone Safety Coordinator
1401 East Broad Street
Richmond, Va. 23219-1939
Phone # 804-786-8038

HEALTHWATCH

HW 2-22-05

I'M TERRANCE AFER-ANDERSON AND WELCOME TO TODAY'S EDITION OF HEALTHWATCH.

SUMMERTIME WON'T BE UPON US FOR A FEW MONTHS YET, BUT NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO PREPARE FOR ONE OF THE BUSIEST AND MOST BOTHERSOME GUESTS OF THE SEASON – THE DREADED MOSQUITO. AS YOU LOOK FORWARD TO TRADITIONAL OUTDOOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES – EVERYTHING FROM BEACH EXCURSIONS TO COOKOUTS – FROM LOUNGING IN THE SHADOW OF YOUR FAVORITE TREE TO COLORFUL, LIVELY OUTDOOR FESTIVALS – THIS IS AN IDEAL TIME TO BEGIN THINKING ABOUT THE BEST WAY TO WARD OFF THE STING OF A MOSQUITO.

JOINING US TODAY TO DISCUSS WHAT YOU CAN DO TO PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY FROM THE STING OF A MOSQUITO -- AND THE EFFECTS OF MOSQUITO INFESTATION IN THE CITY OF NORFOLK, IS NORMAN GREFE, THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SUPERVISOR OF THE VECTOR CONTROL DIVISION, AT THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. WELCOME TO HEALTHWATCH, NORMAN.

THANK YOU FOR THE INVITE, TERRANCE.

OK! LET'S START OUT BY SHARING WITH OUR VIEWERS EXACTLY WHAT THE VECTOR CONTROL DIVISION IS. WHAT DO YOU GUYS DO?

SURE! THE VECTOR CONTROL DIVISION IS INVOLVED IN A NUMBER OF ACTIVITIES TO ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH IN THE CITY OF NORFOLK -- BY ELIMINATING AND CONTROLLING PESTS THAT POSE A PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARD -- SUCH AS RATS AND OTHER RODENTS AND ESPECIALLY MOSQUITOES. VECTOR CONTROL WORKS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR TO REDUCE HABITATS WHERE MOSQUITOES BREED BY ELIMINATING OR TREATING STANDING WATER IN TIDAL DITCHES, RETENTION PONDS, SWAMPS AND STORM DRAINS. POOLS OF WATER THAT GATHER IN STORM DRAINS ARE BREEDING GROUNDS FOR MOSQUITOES AND OTHER DISEASE CARRYING INSECTS. WE ALSO SET LIGHT TRAPS TO COLLECT MOSQUITOES, SO THAT WE CAN COUNT AND IDENTIFY THE MANY DIFFERENT SPECIES FOR VIRAL TESTING.

DIDN'T YOUR OFFICE JUST RECENTLY INSTITUTE A NEW PROGRAM FOR TREATING STORM DRAINS?

YES, WE ARE CURRENTLY TESTING A NEW AUTOMATED STORM DRAIN TREATMENT SYSTEM CALLED "MOZZIE" – A MOSQUITO LARVICIDING PROGRAM.

HOW DOES THAT WORK?

THE PROGRAM EMPHASIZES TREATING STORM DRAINS WITH LARVICIDE BECAUSE IT IS AN EFFICIENT, COST-EFFECTIVE AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SAFE TECHNIQUE. LARVICIDING IS THE ACTION TAKEN TO DESTROY MOSQUITO LARVAE IN STAGNANT WATER. FOR EXAMPLE, DURING A TWO-WEEK PERIOD LAST MAY, VECTOR CONTROL TREATED MORE THAN 900 STORM DRAINS IN THE CITY OF NORFOLK. WE ALSO MONITOR TREATED STORM DRAINS AND EXAMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE "MOZZIE" SYSTEM. IF NECESSARY, WE RETREAT THE DRAIN.

IN ADDITION TO STORM DRAINS, YOU MENTIONED EARLIER THAT STANDING WATER CAN ALSO BE FOUND IN RETENTION PONDS, TIDAL DITCHES AND SWAMPS. WHERE ELSE CAN STANDING WATER BE FOUND? WHAT SORT OF PLACES SHOULD VIEWERS BE AWARE OF?

OTHER PLACES THAT STANDING WATER CAN BE FOUND ARE IN DISCARDED AUTOMOBILE TIRES, WADING POOLS, WHEELBARROWS, BOATS, TOYS KEPT OUT OF DOORS, TIN CANS, BAR-B-CUE GRILLS, BIRDBATHS, PET WATERING CONTAINERS, THE BOTTOMS OF POTTED PLANT HOLDERS, GARBAGE CANS, GUTTERS, DOWN SPOUTS AND OTHER RECEPTACLES THAT MIGHT HOLD WATER AND POTENTIALLY PROVIDE BREEDING GROUNDS FOR MOSQUITO LARVAE.

HOW CAN NORFOLK RESIDENTS HELP ELIMINATE STANDING WATER AND THE RISK OF A MOSQUITO BREEDING GROUND DEVELOPING ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY?

THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT NORFOLK RESIDENTS CAN DO TO GREATLY REDUCE MOSQUITO BREEDING AROUND THEIR HOMES. THESE INCLUDE: EMPTYING WATER FROM WADING POOLS, WHEELBARROWS, BOATS AND TOYS; DISPOSING OF CANS, BOTTLES, AND PLASTIC CONTAINERS BY STORING THEM IN COVERED TRASHCANS OR SEALED BAGS UNTIL THEY ARE RECYCLED; ELIMINATING DISCARDED TIRES AND DRILLING DRAINAGE HOLES IN TIRES USED FOR PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT; COVERING GARBAGE CANS SO THAT WATER DOESN'T COLLECT IN THEM; ADJUSTING TARPS OVER FIREWOOD PILES, GRILLS, BOATS, AND SWIMMING POOLS; RE-GRADING DRAINAGE AREAS AND CLEANING OUT DEBRIS FROM DITCHES TO ELIMINATE STANDING WATER; CLEANING AND CIRCULATING SWIMMING POOLS; CLEANING GUTTERS AND DOWN SPOUTS; ELIMINATING STANDING WATER ON FLAT ROOFS; CLEANING BIRDBATHS, PET WATERING CONTAINERS AND THE BOTTOMS OF POTTED PLANT HOLDERS EACH WEEK TO ELIMINATE ATTACHED MOSQUITO EGGS – AND REFILLING THEM WITH CLEAN WATER; CIRCULATING WATER IN YOUR YARD OR GARDEN POND AND STOCKING IT WITH TOP-WATER FEEDING FISH THAT EAT MOSQUITO LARVAE.

NORMAN, WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT TO AVOID MOSQUITO INFESTATION AND MOSQUITO BITES?

MOSQUITOES CAN CARRY DISEASE, SUCH AS WEST NILE VIRUS AND EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS.

TELL US ABOUT EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS.

MOSTLY AFFECTING CHILDREN AND SENIOR CITIZENS, EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS -- OR EEE -- IS A SEVERE FORM OF ENCEPHALITIS, AN INFLAMMATION OF THE LINING OF THE BRAIN. FORTUNATELY, LARGE, WIDESPREAD OUTBREAKS OF EEE ARE UNCOMMON. IN THE TWENTY-FOUR YEARS BETWEEN 1961 AND 1985, THERE WERE ONLY 99 CONFIRMED HUMAN CASES IN THE UNITED STATES.

WHEN DO EEE CASES TEND TO OCCUR?

EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS OCCURS IN LATE SUMMER AND EARLY FALL IN PARTS OF CANADA, THE NORTH CENTRAL U.S., ALONG THE EASTERN AND GULF COASTAL STATES, AND SOME CASES APPEAR IN CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA.

HOW DOES THE VIRUS SPREAD?

THE EEE VIRUS CIRCULATES IN WILD BIRD POPULATIONS. MOSQUITOES BITE INFECTED BIRDS AND THEN TRANSMIT THE VIRUS TO HUMANS, HORSES AND OTHER MAMMALS.

IS THERE A VACCINE THAT CAN PREVENT EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS?

THERE IS IN FACT A VACCINE THAT WILL PREVENT EEE IN HORSES, BUT, CURRENTLY, THERE IS NO WIDESPREAD VACCINE FOR HUMANS. HOWEVER, THE LATEST CASE OF EASTERN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS CONFIRMED IN VIRGINIA OCCURRED IN PORTSMOUTH, VA. IN 1998.

WHAT ABOUT WEST NILE VIRUS?

WEST NILE ENCEPHALITIS, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS THE WEST NILE VIRUS, IS A FAIRLY RECENT DISEASE TO OCCUR IN THE UNITED STATES. IT WAS FIRST IDENTIFIED IN THE U.S. IN NEW YORK CITY IN 1999. THE VIRUS CAUSED ENCEPHALITIS IN 62 PEOPLE AND NUMEROUS HORSES. THE VIRUS CONTINUED TO SPREAD AND BY THE END OF 2002, IT HAD BEEN RECOGNIZED IN ALMOST ALL OF THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF WEST NILE VIRUS?

THE WEST NILE VIRUS USUALLY CAUSES MILD ILLNESS. HOWEVER, PEOPLE AGE 50 AND OVER ARE AT GREATER RISK FOR DEVELOPING SERIOUS ILLNESS. MILD ILLNESS MAY INCLUDE FEVER, BODY ACHES, AND SWOLLEN LYMPH GLANDS. OCCASIONALLY, A SKIN RASH DEVELOPS. IN THE ELDERLY, THE INFECTION CAN ALSO SPREAD TO THE BLOOD STREAM AND CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM -- CAUSING SEVERE HEADACHES, SUDDEN FEVER, A STIFF NECK, AND GENERAL CONFUSION.

WHEN SHOULD PEOPLE BE PARTICULAR WATCHFUL OF THESE SYMPTOMS?

PEOPLE SHOULD BE AWARE IF THESE SYMPTOMS OCCUR DURING PERIODS OF HIGH MOSQUITO ACTIVITY. THEY SHOULD ALSO BE WATCHFUL FOR DEAD BIRD REPORTS, WHICH COULD INDICATE THE PRESENCE OF THE DISEASE.

WHEN DO SYMPTOMS APPEAR AND HOW LONG DO THE SYMPTOMS LAST?

SYMPTOMS MAY APPEAR AS EARLY AS ONE DAY AFTER EXPOSURE. BUT, MOST OFTEN, IT TAKES FROM THREE TO FIFTEEN DAYS FOR SYMPTOMS TO DEVELOP. IT'S ALSO WORTH NOTING THAT, GENERALLY, HEALTHY CHILDREN AND ADULTS MAY NOT EXHIBIT ANY SYMPTOMS AT ALL OF WEST NILE VIRAL INFECTION.

HOW IS THE WEST NILE VIRUS SPREAD?

A MOSQUITO BECOMES INFECTED WITH THE WEST NILE VIRUS BY BITING A BIRD THAT CARRIES THE DISEASE. HUMAN INFECTION OCCURS WHEN THAT SAME MOSQUITO BITES A PERSON.

SO WHAT SHOULD SOMEONE DO IF THEY FIND A DEAD BIRD ON THEIR PROPERTY?

THEY SHOULD REPORT IT TO THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH IMMEDIATELY. IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE BIRD DIED WITHIN LESS THAN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS -- IT WILL BE TESTED FOR THE WEST NILE VIRUS.

OK! WE ARE GOING TO GIVE THE NUMBER THAT THEY SHOULD CALL AT THE END OF THE PROGRAM. BUT FIRST, WHY DON'T YOU SHARE WITH OUR VIEWERS WHAT THEY CAN DO TO PROTECT THEMSELVES FROM THE BITE OF A MOSQUITO THAT MIGHT BE A CARRIER OF DISEASE.

THERE ARE NUMEROUS HABITS THAT OUR VIEWERS CAN ADOPT TO GREATLY DIMINISH THE LIKELIHOOD OF BEING BITTEN BY AN INFECTED MOSQUITO. THESE INCLUDE LIMITING OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES AT DAWN AND DUSK -- AND ESPECIALLY WHEN MOSQUITO POPULATIONS ARE HEAVY, SUCH AS AFTER FLOODING; PLACING SCREENS ON WINDOWS AND DOORS; AND BY REMEMBERING "THE THREE "L's" WHEN OUT-OF-DOORS -- THAT IS WEARING CLOTHING THAT IS "LONG, LOOSE, AND LIGHT."

WHAT ABOUT INSECT REPELLENTS?

INSECT REPELLENT CAN BE A VERY EFFECTIVE WAY OF WARDING OFF PESKY MOSQUITOES. BUT IT SHOULD HAVE NO MORE THAN A THIRTY-FIVE PER CENT DEET RATING FOR ADULTS AND LESS THAN A TEN PER CENT DEET RATING FOR CHILDREN.

NORMAN, THANK YOU FOR JOINING US TODAY. AS OUR VIEWERS LOOK TOWARD THE SUMMER, THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION WILL HELP THEM TO ENJOY THEIR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES. LET'S GIVE THE NUMBER THAT THEY CAN CALL IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS OR WANT MORE INFORMATION.

OK! THEY CAN CALL THE VECTOR CONTROL DIVISION OF THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AT (757) 683-2840. THAT NUMBER AGAIN IS (757) 683-2840.

THANKS FOR JOINING US, NORMAN!

THANK YOU, TERRANCE FOR HAVING ME ON THE SHOW.

HEALTHWATCH IS A MONTHLY HEALTH UPDATE PRESENTED BY THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ABOUT THIS PROGRAM -- OR IF YOU HAVE ANY TOPICS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE FOR US TO DISCUSS, PLEASE CALL US AT 683-2756. 683-2756. I'M TERRANCE AFER-ANDERSON AND THIS HAS BEEN HEALTHWATCH.

HEALTHWATCH

HW 3-29-05

GOOD DAY! -- I'M TERRANCE AFER-ANDERSON AND THIS IS HEALTHWATCH.

DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL TWO-THOUSAND-FIVE, THERE ARE TWO VERY IMPORTANT HEALTH OBSERVANCES THAT WE WANTED TO BRING TO YOUR ATTENTION. FIRST, NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IS CELEBRATED FROM APRIL FOURTH THROUGH APRIL TENTH THIS YEAR AND NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK BEGINS APRIL TWENTY-FOURTH AND ENDS APRIL THIRTIETH.

THE THEME OF THIS YEAR'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IS "EMPOWERING AMERICANS TO LIVE STRONGER, LONGER." THE THEME OF NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK TWO-THOUSAND-FIVE IS "LOVE THEM, PROTECT THEM, IMMUNIZE THEM!"

WE'RE GOING TO TALK MORE ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK OBSERVANCE IN JUST A FEW MOMENTS, BUT LET'S TAKE A BRIEF LOOK AT WHY THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IS ALSO IMPORTANT.

THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION -- THE APHA -- REPORTS THAT THE AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY IN THE UNITED STATES IS NOW SEVENTY-FOUR YEARS FOR MEN AND SEVENTY-EIGHT YEARS FOR WOMEN. THE APHA ALSO STATES THAT, CURRENTLY, MORE THAN FOURTEEN MILLION AMERICAN WORKERS CARE FOR AGING FAMILY MEMBERS, AND THAT TWO-THIRDS OF AMERICANS WHO ARE UNDER AGE SIXTY THINK THEY WILL HAVE ELDER CARE RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE FUTURE.

HOWEVER, MANY U.S. RESIDENTS OVER AGE SIXTY-FIVE DO NOT RECEIVE REGULAR MEDICAL SCREENINGS -- SCREENINGS THAT COULD LEAD TO IMPORTANT EARLY DETECTION OF THE ONSET OF ILLNESS.

SO THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION ENCOURAGES AMERICANS TO FOLLOW THE THREE P'S -- TO "PREVENT, PROTECT AND PLAN."

YOU CAN HELP "PREVENT" HEALTH PROBLEMS BY SIMPLY PRACTICING HEALTHY LIVING. YOU CAN HELP "PROTECT" YOUR HEALTH BY GETTING REGULAR SCREENINGS THAT CAN LEAD TO THE EARLY DETECTION OF DISEASE. AND LASTLY, YOU CAN WORK WITH YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER -- AS WELL AS YOUR FAMILY -- TO DEVELOP A "PLAN" THAT CAN ENHANCE YOUR QUALITY OF LIFE IN YOUR SENIOR YEARS.

IS THE AVERAGE LIFE EXPECTANCY AMONGST AMERICANS CONTINUES TO EXPAND, THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE AMERICAN PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION ENCOURAGE YOU TO "LIVE STRONGER AND LONGER" BY PRACTICING "THE THREE P'S" -- "PREVENT, PROTECT AND PLAN." REMEMBER! NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK IS APRIL FOURTH THROUGH APRIL TENTH.

OK! NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK. JOINING ME IN THE STUDIO TODAY IS SHERICE THOMAS, THE IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN COORDINATOR AT THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. WELCOME TO HEALTHWATCH, SHERICE.

THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME, TERRANCE.

SHERICE, IT'S PROBABLY NOT A COINCIDENCE, IS IT, THAT NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK AND NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK COME SO CLOSE TOGETHER?

RIGHT, WORKING TO ENSURE THAT YOUNG CHILDREN ARE ADEQUATELY AND TIMELY IMMUNIZED IS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH CARE CONTINUUM -- REDUCING EXPOSURE TO COMMUNICABLE DISEASES THAT COULD IMPACT ANY AGE GROUP. NATIONAL INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK IS AN ANNUAL OBSERVANCE CREATED TO PROMOTE

THE BENEFITS OF IMMUNIZATIONS AND TO FOCUS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF IMMUNIZING INFANTS AGAINST TWELVE VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES BY THE AGE OF TWO.

THERE ARE *TWELVE* DISEASES THAT CAN BE PREVENTED BY SIMPLE VACCINATION?

YES! AND MOST OF US ARE FAMILIAR WITH THESE DISEASES OR CERTAINLY HAVE HEARD THEIR NAMES BEFORE. THEY INCLUDE DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS, PERTUSSIS, POLIO, MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA, HEPATITIS A, HEPATITIS B, HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZA B, PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE, AND VARICELLA (CHICKENPOX).

OK, SHERICE! LET'S BRIEFLY TALK ABOUT IMMUNIZING AGAINST THESE DISEASES. LET'S BEGIN WITH DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS AND PERTUSSIS. ISN'T THERE A SINGLE, COMBINATION IMMUNIZATION THAT PROTECTS AGAINST ALL THREE OF THESE DISEASES?

THAT'S THE DTAP – THE DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS AND ACELLULAR PERTUSSIS VACCINATION – FORMERLY KNOWN AS “THE DTP SHOT.” THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL – ADVISES THAT A CHILD NEEDS FIVE DTAP VACCINATIONS FOR MAXIMUM PROTECTION. THE FIRST THREE SHOTS SHOULD BE GIVEN AT TWO, FOUR AND SIX MONTHS OF AGE. THE FOURTH VACCINATION – A BOOSTER SHOT – SHOULD BE GIVEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF FIFTEEN AND EIGHTEEN MONTHS AND THE FIFTH SHOT – ANOTHER BOOSTER – SHOULD BE GIVEN ABOUT THE TIME THAT THE CHILD IS ABOUT TO ENTER SCHOOL, USUALLY BETWEEN FOUR AND SIX YEARS OF AGE.

WHAT ABOUT IMMUNIZATION AGAINST POLIO? MANY PEOPLE THINK THAT IT'S NOT NECESSARY TO BE VACCINATED FOR POLIO NOWADAYS.

THOUGH POLIO HAS CHIEFLY DISAPPEARED IN THE UNITED STATES, IT STILL EXISTS TODAY IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD AND A SINGLE INFECTION -- BROUGHT IN BY A FOREIGN TRAVELER -- COULD CAUSE A NEW AMERICAN EPIDEMIC, THE TYPE WE SAW IN THIS COUNTRY EARLY IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

AND WHAT ABOUT THE IMMUNIZATION PROCESS?

THE POLIO VACCINE OR THE IPV, WHICH IS INJECTED, IS THE MAIN FORM OF DELIVERY. THE OPV, THE LIVE ORAL POLIO VACCINE, IS SWALLOWED AND IS THE MODE OF ADMINISTRATION THAT BECAME AVAILABLE IN NINETEEN FIFTY-FIVE. IT RESULTED IN THE ERADICATION OF THE DISEASE IN THE UNITED STATES. IN NINETEEN NINETY-EIGHT, THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THE USE OF IPV. IN NINETEEN NINETY-NINE, IN THE UNITED STATES, IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT THE IPV BE USED EXCLUSIVELY BEGINNING IN TWO-THOUSAND. OPV IS NO LONGER MANUFACTURED OR ROUTINELY AVAILABLE IN THE UNITED STATES.

WHAT IS THE IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE FOR THE IPV?

CHILDREN SHOULD GET FOUR DOSES OF IPV – THE FIRST AT AGE TWO MONTHS, THEN AT FOUR MONTHS, THE THIRD DOSE BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND EIGHTEEN MONTHS AND THE FOURTH DOSE BETWEEN FOUR AND SIX YEARS OF AGE.

WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT MEASLES AND THE MEASLES VACCINE?

THERE ARE ACTUALLY TWO TYPES OF MEASLES: RUBEOLA (MEASLES) AND RUBELLA (GERMAN MEASLES). THE DISEASES ARE CAUSED BY TWO DIFFERENT VIRUSES. THAT IS WHY THE MMR IMMUNIZATION IS FOR MEASLES, MUMPS AND RUBELLA.

I KNOW THAT WE WILL TALK A BIT MORE ABOUT THE MMR IN JUST A MOMENT, BUT TELL US MORE ABOUT THE MEASLES.

MEASLES IS AN ACTIVE VIRAL INFECTIOUS DISEASE. THERE ARE REFERENCES TO MEASLES AS EARLY AS THE SEVENTH CENTURY. THE DISEASE WAS DESCRIBED IN THE TENTH CENTURY AS "MORE DREADED THAN SMALLPOX." WITH IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VACCINE, SINCE NINETEEN NINETY-THREE FEWER THAN FIVE-HUNDRED CASES HAVE BEEN REPORTED ANNUALLY AND FEWER THAN TWO-HUNDRED CASES PER YEAR HAVE BEEN REPORTED SINCE NINETEEN NINETY-SEVEN. A RECORD LOW ANNUAL TOTAL OF FORTY-FOUR CASES WAS REPORTED IN TWO-THOUSAND TWO. DATA STRONGLY SUGGESTS THAT MEASLES TRANSMISSION IN THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN INTERRUPTED.

WHAT ABOUT MEASLES AND PREGNANCY?

MEASLES ILLNESS DURING PREGNANCY CAN RESULT IN A HIGHER RISK OF PREMATURE LABOR, SPONTANEOUS ABORTION AND LOW BIRTH WEIGHT INFANTS. RUBELLA CAN CAUSE CONGENITAL RUBELLA SYNDROME. THIS INFECTION MAY AFFECT ALL ORGANS AND MAY LEAD TO FETAL DEATH OR PREMATURE DELIVERY IN UP TO EIGHTY-FIVE PER CENT OF INFANTS AFFECTED -- IF THEY BECOME INFECTED DURING THE FIRST TRIMESTER.

AND WHAT ABOUT THE MMR IMMUNIZATION?

THE MMR IS A COMBINATION INJECTION THAT PROTECTS YOUNG CHILDREN VERY WELL, PROTECTION THAT WILL CONTINUE FOR THEIR ENTIRE LIVES. CHILDREN SHOULD GET TWO DOSES OF THE COMBINED MMR VACCINE. THE FIRST SHOT SHOULD BE GIVEN BETWEEN TWELVE AND FIFTEEN MONTHS OF AGE AND THE SECOND SHOT IS GIVEN BETWEEN FOUR AND SIX YEARS OF AGE.

YOU'VE MENTIONED A COUPLE OF TIMES NOW, SHERICE, THE AGE RANGE BETWEEN FOUR AND SIX. WHY IS THAT?

THE TIME BETWEEN THE AGES OF FOUR AND SIX IS GENERALLY WHEN A CHILD FIRST ENTERS A PUBLIC SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT -- EITHER KINDERGARTEN OR THE FIRST GRADE. IF THAT CHILD IS NOT PROPERLY IMMUNIZED IT CAN ADVERSELY IMPACT ANY OTHER CHILDREN IN THAT ENVIRONMENT WHO THEMSELVES ALSO MAY NOT BE IMMUNIZED.

I SEE! OK, WE'VE TALKED ABOUT THE DTAP VACCINATION FOR DIPHTHERIA, TETANUS AND ACCELLULAR PERTUSSIS; THE MMR FOR MEASLES, MUMPS AND RUBELLA; AND THE IPV, THE VACCINATION AGAINST POLIO. WHAT ABOUT HEPATITIS A AND HEPATITIS B?

BOTH HEP A AND HEP B AFFECT THE LIVER. SINCE THE INTRODUCTION OF THE HEP A VACCINE IN NINETEEN NINETY-FIVE, THE VACCINE HAS BEEN PRIMARILY TARGETED TO PERSONS AT INCREASED RISK OF HAV INFECTION, PARTICULARLY INTERNATIONAL TRAVELERS. PERSONS AT INCREASED RISK FOR THE HAV INFECTION, OR WHO ARE AT INCREASED RISK OF COMPLICATIONS OF HAV INFECTION, SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE ROUTINELY VACCINATED.

AND HEPATITIS B?

HEPATITIS B IS A MORE SERIOUS DISEASE THAT CAN LEAD TO CHRONIC ILLNESS. THE VIRUS IS TRANSMITTED BY SEXUAL CONTACT, DIRECT PERCUTANEOUS INOCULATION – MEANING VIA THE SKIN SUCH AS IV DRUG USE, CONTAMINATION OF MUCOSAL SURFACES AND PERINATAL TRANSMISSION. A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY TO ELIMINATE HEPATITIS B VIRUS TRANSMISSION WAS RECOMMENDED IN NINETEEN NINETY-ONE, AND INCLUDES: ONE) PRENATAL TESTING OF PREGNANT WOMEN TO IDENTIFY NEWBORNS WHO REQUIRE IMMUNOPROPHYLAXIS FOR THE PREVENTION OF PERINATAL INFECTION, TWO) ROUTINE VACCINATION OF INFANTS, THREE) VACCINATION OF ADOLESCENTS, AND FOUR) VACCINATIONS OF ADULTS AT HIGH-RISK OF INFECTION.

AND THE VACCINATION PROCESS?

VACCINATION AGAINST HEPATITIS B IS A THREE SHOT PROCESS. THE FIRST IS GENERALLY GIVEN TO INFANTS BETWEEN BIRTH AND TWO MONTHS OF AGE. THE SECOND SHOT AT ONE TO FOUR MONTHS OF AGE, AND THE THIRD SHOT BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX AND EIGHTEEN MONTHS.

WHAT IF A PREGNANT WOMAN IS INFECTED WITH THE HEP B VIRUS?

NEWBORN BABIES WHOSE MOTHERS ARE EITHER INFECTED WITH HEPATITIS B OR WHOSE STATUS IS UNKNOWN SHOULD GET THEIR FIRST SHOT WITHIN TWELVE HOURS OF BIRTH, THE SECOND SHOT AT ONE TO TWO MONTHS OF AGE, AND THE THIRD SHOT AT SIX MONTHS OF AGE. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE CDC RECOMMENDS THAT BABIES BORN TO KNOWN HEPATITIS B POSITIVE MOTHERS SHOULD ALSO BE GIVEN THE HEPATITIS B IMMUNE GLOBULIN AND SHOULD BE CHECKED AGAIN SOMETIME DURING THEIR NINTH TO FIFTEENTH MONTH TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THE VACCINE WORKED AND THAT THEY DO NOT HAVE THE CHRONIC HEPATITIS B VIRAL INFECTION.

SHERICE, WHAT IS HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZA B AND HOW DOES A CHILD BECOME PROTECTED AGAINST IT?

EVEN THOUGH THE WORD INFLUENZA IS INCLUDED IN IT'S NAME, HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZA B – HIB DISEASE -- IS NOT THE FLU, BUT A BACTERIAL INFECTION THAT CAN LEAD TO VERY SERIOUS ILLNESSES SUCH AS BACTERIAL MENINGITIS AND PNEUMONIA.

WHAT ABOUT VACCINATIONS AGAINST HIB?

AS SOON AS THE HIB VACCINE BECAME AVAILABLE IN NINETEEN EIGHTY-FIVE, ITS IMPACT WAS ALMOST IMMEDIATE AND THE DISEASE BEGAN TO DISAPPEAR. THE CDC REPORTS THAT, IN NINETEEN EIGHTY-FIVE, THERE WERE TWENTY-THOUSAND CASES OF HIB ANNUALLY IN THE U.S., BUT SINCE HIB IMMUNIZATIONS WERE INTRODUCED, THAT NUMBER HAS DWINDLED TO JUST A FEW HUNDRED CASES ANNUALLY.

WHAT IS THE IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE FOR HIB?

FIRST, TERRANCE, LET'S NOTE THAT THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT COMPANIES THAT MAKE THE HIB VACCINE. PARENTS SHOULD CONSULT WITH THEIR CHILD'S DOCTOR TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF DOSES REQUIRED FOR THE VACCINE USED -- EITHER THREE, FOUR OR FIVE DOSES. REGARDLESS OF THE MANUFACTURER, THE FIRST TWO DOSES OF THE HIB VACCINE SHOULD BE GIVEN AT AGES TWO AND FOUR MONTHS – FOLLOWED BY A BOOSTER SHOT BETWEEN THE AGES OF TWELVE AND FIFTEEN MONTHS. IF A FOURTH DOSE IS REQUIRED, THAT DOSAGE IS GENERALLY ADMINISTERED AROUND THE SIXTH MONTH OF AGE. CHILDREN OVER THE AGE OF FIVE YEARS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE THE HIB SHOT.

OK! WE HAVE JUST A FEW MORE DISEASES AND VACCINATIONS TO GO. LET'S CONTINUE BY TALKING ABOUT PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE.

PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE --STREPTOCOCCUS PNEUMONIAE -- KILLS MORE PEOPLE IN THE UNITED STATES EACH YEAR THAN ALL OF THE VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES COMBINED. IT IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF BACTERIAL MENINGITIS IN THE COUNTRY AND HITS CHILDREN UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE ESPECIALLY HARD. PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE ALSO CAUSES FROM TWENTY-FIVE TO FORTY PER CENT OF ALL MIDDLE EAR INFECTIONS IN CHILDREN.

SHERICE, I KNOW THAT THE VACCINATION FOR PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE IS A CONJUGATED ONE. WHY DON'T YOU EXPLAIN TO OUR VIEWERS EXACTLY WHAT THAT MEANS.

THE IMMUNIZATION FOR PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE IS AN INACTIVATED VIRUS VACCINE THAT TARGETS, NOT ONE, BUT ALL SEVEN STRAINS OF THE PNEUMOCOCCAL BACTERIUM THAT CAUSE THE MOST SERIOUS ILLNESSES IN CHILDREN. YOUNG CHILDREN SHOULD GET FOUR DOSES OF THE VACCINE – ONE EACH AT THE AGES OF TWO, FOUR, SIX AND BETWEEN TWELVE AND FIFTEEN MONTHS. CHILDREN WHO BEGIN THE SERIES LATER MAY NOT NEED ALL OF THE DOSES AND CHILDREN FIVE YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER GENERALLY DON'T GET THE PNEUMOCOCCAL CONJUGATE VACCINE.

OK, NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT VARICELLA, MORE COMMONLY KNOWN AS CHICKEN POX, THE LAST OF THE TWELVE VACCINE-PREVENTABLE DISEASES THAT WE REFERENCED EARLIER.

CHICKEN POX IS THE MOST COMMON OF THE CHILDHOOD DISEASES. AS RECENTLY AS THE LATE NINETEEN NINETY'S, THERE WERE SOME FOUR MILLION CASES IN THE UNITED STATES EACH YEAR. BUT SINCE THE VACCINE BECAME AVAILABLE, WE HAVE SEEN A CLEAR DROP IN THE INCIDENCE OF CHICKEN POX NATIONWIDE. A LIVE VIRUS VACCINE THAT HAS BEEN AVAILABLE IN JAPAN FOR MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS, IT WAS LICENSED IN THE U.S. IN NINETEEN NINETY-FIVE. ONLY ONE DOSE OF THE VARICELLA VACCINE IS RECOMMENDED AT PRESENT – FOR CHILDREN BETWEEN TWELVE AND EIGHTEEN MONTHS OF AGE. CHILDREN WHO MISS THE VARICELLA CAN STILL GET ONE UP TO THEIR THIRTEENTH BIRTHDAY. HOWEVER, ADOLESCENTS AND ADULTS WHO DID NOT HAVE THE VARICELLA VACCINE BY THEIR THIRTEENTH YEAR CAN STILL GET IMMUNIZED, BUT IT REQUIRES TWO DOSES – ADMINISTERED FOUR TO EIGHT WEEKS APART.

I KNOW THAT WE'VE COVERED A GREAT DEAL OF INFORMATION TODAY, SHERICE, BUT IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE THAT WE CAN INCLUDE?

YES, PARENTS OF INFANTS SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT CHILDREN -- BEGINNING AS EARLY AS AGE SIX MONTHS -- CAN ALSO BE VACCINATED ANNUALLY FOR INFLUENZA, PRIOR TO THE ONSET OF THE FLU SEASON.

SO WHERE CAN OUR VIEWERS CALL IF THEY HAVE QUESTIONS OR WANT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ALL THAT WE COVERED TODAY?

TERRANCE, THEY CAN CALL THE IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN OFFICE IN THE NURSING DIVISION AT THE NORFOLK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. THAT NUMBER IS (757) 683-2780. THAT NUMBER AGAIN IS (757) 683-2780

THINGS TO SEE AND DO

Akoben Presents: Word Up V! International Poetry Competition and Music Festival

May 5 – 7 at the Norfolk Radisson Hotel

Thirty poets will compete for over \$2,200 in cash and prizes. Some 1500 people, artists, poets and lovers of poetry will travel to Norfolk from across the states, England, Germany and Canada to celebrate the 5th anniversary to a grassroots festival dedicated to poetry and the spoken word.

The main events will be held in the French Quarter room of the downtown Norfolk Radisson Hotel, with side events taking place at Prince Books and the Jaffe Arts Center.

The festival was created over five years ago by local poets and artists to introduce slam poetry and to celebrate the fusion of art and performance. The competition features Poetry Slams*, Youth Poetry Slams and Word Shops. In addition, the competitors will be required to participate in over 200 hours of community service and panel discussions.

Poets were once the news reporters of the kings, and carriers of information during slavery. Word Up! Celebrates all forms of writing. Although this is the first year the City of Norfolk has recognized Word Up! As an official festival, Word Up! has been rated one of the top five poetry festivals in the country.

For further information, check the festival's website at www.akobenpoetryfestival.com

*Slam Poetry was created in Chicago in the early 1980s by a man named Marc Smith, who still runs a 300 person weekly poetry slam on the west side of Chicago. Smith recognized the need to bring poetry "back to the people" and created a competition or sport that involved the audience, the poets, a three minute time limit and an Olympic scoring system. The term refers to the art of competitive performance poetry, not to any type or style of poetry.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Thursday, May 5, 2005:

- 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm: Registration/ Advance tickets in the Akoben Hospitality Suite
- 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm: (2) Community Service Opportunities
- 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm: \$100 Haiku Slam
- 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm: Opening Ceremonies and Sponsorship Artist Reception

- 8:45 pm - 9:15 pm: Live Band Suzy and the Speakers! Registered Participant at Medim 2005!
- 9:30 pm - 11:30 am: Round One - 30 Poets

Friday, May 6, 2005:

- 10:00 am - 2:00 pm: Community Service Opportunities
- 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm: 2 Work Shops / Panel Discussions
- 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Dinner on your own
- 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Round II
- 10:15 pm - 11:30 pm: \$200 Erotic Slam Pool Side
- 12:00 am - 2:00 am After Party back inside the hotel live band Yama'Nym from Washington, DC

Saturday, May 7, 2005:

- 10:00 am - 2:00 pm: Community Service Opportunities
- 11:00 am - 4:00 pm: Work Shops and Panel Discussions
- 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm: Round I of the Youth Slam
- 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Pool Party and/or Dinner on your own
- 8:00 pm - 12:00 am: Finals In the Radisson Ballroom (or) at the Attucks Theatre, live band/Featured Poet/Awards

Please note: Schedule is subject to change and adjustment, please keep watching!

*Main events will be held at The Radisson Downtown Norfolk

**Side events will be held at The Jaffe Arts Center and Prince Books - Please check the schedule for listings, addresses and directions.

FMI: Please contact info@akobenpoetryfestival.com, akoben@ebonetworks.com, queensheba@oyaxclusive.com or call 757.449.0068 or 504.410.0108.

ARTS WITHIN REACH

The Norfolk Commission on the Arts and Humanities is pleased to announce the February performances in its *Arts Within Reach* series. From Berkley to Ocean View, from Park Place to Five Points, the Norfolk Arts Commission presents and supports free programs that bring great art to Norfolk communities. *Arts Within Reach* features free performances, workshops, and demonstrations in neighborhoods throughout the City. Get to know local artists while you enjoy their talent and creativity in a relaxed atmosphere.

April 28 (Thurs.) 11:30 a.m. – The Ariel Quartet , Virginia Arts Festival Emerging Masters Chamber Ensemble performers from Israel, present classical works for strings. *Mount Zion Baptist Church, 900 Middlesex Street 664-4321*

The Ariel Quartet was founded in 1998 by four young students at the Conservatory of the Jerusalem Academy of Dance and Music. Violinist Avi Abramovich, a leading teacher in Israel and present head of the string department at the academy, mentored and coached the quartet from its founding up until their graduation in 2004.

The Ariel Quartet has performed in major venues in Israel and extensively in European festivals and competitions. They currently are studying at the New England Conservatory, both individually and as a quartet, and are currently coaching with violist, Kim Kashkashian. The Ariel Quartet's studies are funded by the American-Israeli Cultural Foundation and the Quartet operates under the auspices of the Jerusalem Music Center. The name Ariel is a synonym for Jerusalem.

AZALEA FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

Conference: Transforming Maritime Security: New Approaches from NATO, Norway and the U.S.

8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. / Norfolk Waterside Marriott

Cost: Free. Pre-registration is required, www.norway.org/articles/2005Conference.htm

Presented by the Royal Norwegian Embassy, Allied Command Transformation & Old Dominion University.

The Conference will bring together military, business, research & community leaders, the venture investment community, & industry from both sides of the Atlantic to explore a wider sense of aspects of maritime security & safety. Attendees will explore the latest approaches in research, technology commercialization & enterprise development employed by research institutions, industry & the military.

Event address: Norfolk Waterside Marriott, 235 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510

For more information call: Norwegian Embassy, 202-333-6000

THURSDAY, APRIL 21

NATO Student Forum

Topic to be discussed “NATO: Too big for its boots?”

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. / School of International Studies at Meadowbrook

Norfolk Public High School Students will discuss current NATO issues with guidance provided by Staff Officers from ACT Headquarters in this annual competition.

Event Address: Meadowbrook High School, 7620 Shirland Avenue, Norfolk
For more information call: CAPT Rayner 747-3211

World Affairs Council Distinguished Speaker Dinner

6:15 p.m. - Registration / 7 p.m. - Dinner / 8 p.m. - Program / Norfolk Waterside Marriott
Cost: \$28 for WAC members, \$33 for non-members and \$12 for full time students.
Please call 757.226.1202 to make your reservation. Norway's Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Knut Vollebaek, will be speaking on the Norwegian centennial and transatlantic relations.

His Excellency Knut Vollebaek, Ambassador of Norway to the United States, will discuss *"World Challenges: Is there a Way Out?"*

About our Distinguished Speaker: Knut Vollebaek is the Norwegian Ambassador to the United States and former Norwegian Foreign Minister. As head of the Organization for Security and Cooperation, he played a key negotiating role during the war in Kosovo. During this time, he had close relations with American political officials, in particular, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Vollebaek has previously been stationed in New Delhi, Madrid, Harare, as well as serving as Ambassador to the Central American States.

Date: Thursday, April 21, 2005
Time: Check-in at 6:15 p.m., Dinner: 7:00 p.m, and program at 8:00 p.m.
Location: Norfolk Waterside Marriott
Deadline: Reservations deadline is **NOON**, Monday, April 18, 2005
Cost: \$28 members of WAC, Norfolk Southern, Sister Cities, and NATO
\$33 non-members; \$350 corporate table for 10.
Students: \$14, register through school coordinators, limited seating
Information: Council's office at 226-1202 or Email at worldaffairs@hrwac.org

Event address: Norfolk Waterside Marriott, 235 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510

For more information call: 226-1202

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Azalea Festival Fashion Show & Luncheon "Fjords"

11 a.m. – Cash Bar to Open / Noon – Luncheon and Fashion Show / Norfolk Waterside Marriott

Cost: \$30 / Tickets maybe purchased on line at www.azaleafestival.org

Featuring the latest fashions from Dillard's and traditional Norwegian costume. Ticket price includes luncheon, one drink ticket, goodie bag and fashion show!

Event address: Norfolk Waterside Marriott, 235 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510

For more information call: 282-2801

Flag Raising

4 p.m. / Supreme Allied Command, Transformation Flag Plaza, Blandy Road, Norfolk
The Flags of all 26 NATO member nations will be raised with musical accompaniment. Reception to follow.

Event address: HQ SACT, 7857 Blandy Road, Norfolk 23551

For more information call: CDR Gelardi 747.3403

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

Azalea Night at the Virginia International Tattoo

7:30 p.m. / Scope Arena

Cost: \$20 - \$45. Tickets available through Ticketmaster 757-671-8100 or at the Arts Festival Box Office on the 1st floor in MacArthur Center.

Take a trip around the world, no passport required. Inspired by the Edinburgh Military Tattoo and the Nova Scotia Tattoo, the all-new show features more than 800 artists, making this the largest tattoo in the U.S. Expect music, dance, marching bands, acrobatics, vocalists, pipers and surprises. The 2005 Tattoo will salute Norway and pay special tribute to the valiant veterans of WWII.

Event Address: SCOPE Arena, downtown Norfolk

For more information call: Virginia Arts Festival 282-2800

26th Annual Optimist Club Azalea Festival 8k Run

6 p.m. / Norfolk Botanical Garden

Cost: \$15 pre-registered runners / \$18 after April 15 and \$1 entry into the garden

The Azalea Festival 8k run is conducted on a measured course on flat, paved, roads meandering through the grounds of the beautiful Norfolk Botanical Garden when the azaleas are in full bloom. For an entry form visit www.kalerunning.com.

Event Address: Norfolk Botanical Garden, 6700 Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk, VA 23518

For more information call: Harolyn Katherman 421-0625

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

Norfolk Botanical Gardens will be free and open to the public on Saturday, April 23rd thanks to BB&T!

NATOFest

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. / Norfolk Botanical Garden, NATO Vista

NATOfest is a celebration of cultures highlighting different aspects of all 26 NATO member nations. A sampling of the events to be held during NATOfest: passport contest, face painting, performers and food vendors. This is great fun for the whole family!

Event Address: Norfolk Botanical Garden, 6700 Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk, VA 23518

For more information call: 282-2801

Parade of Nations

10 a.m. / Waterside Drive and Monticello Avenue in downtown Norfolk

A fabulous parade of bands, floats & marching units will represent the 26 member nations of NATO. For group tour information please contact the Norfolk Convention & Visitors Bureau at 757.664.6620

Parade Route: Units stage at Harbor Park

Step off at 10 am Water St. and St. Paul's Blvd

Left onto Waterside Drive past Nauticus (Turns into Boush St.)

Turn right onto City Hall Avenue and proceed 2 blocks to MacArthur Mall at Monticello

Turn left onto Monticello and proceed 4 blocks to conclude at the corner of Monticello and Charlotte St

For more information call: 282-2801

Coronation of 52nd Queen Azalea and her Court

3 p.m. / Norfolk Botanical Garden, Renaissance Garden

Enjoy the pomp and circumstance that still embodies the Azalea Festival. Queen Azalea and her Court of 25 princesses and attendants will represent all NATO member nations in this beautiful crowning ceremony.

Event Address: Norfolk Botanical Garden, 6700 Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk, VA 23518

For more information call: 282-2801

Queen's Dinner and Ball

"Norwegian Nights – The Magic of Lights and Ice"

6:30 p.m. cocktails / 8 p.m. dinner / 9 p.m. presentation of Queen Azalea and her Court
Norfolk Waterside Marriott

Dress: Black Tie or equivalent

Cost: \$100 per person , purchase tickets on-line at www.azaleafestival.org

Inspired by the beauty of the Northern Lights and the icy landscape that is Norway, this event is fit for a Queen. Ticket price includes ladies' gift, dinner, cocktail reception, beer & wine with dinner & dancing. Music by Off the Record.

Event Address: Norfolk Waterside Marriott, 235 East Main Street, Norfolk, VA 23510

For more information call: 282-2801

BOTANICAL GARDEN

Curator's Corner – People and Plants Through Time

Tuesday, April 19th × 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Melissa Butler, Curator of Herbaceous Plants

Let one of our horticulture experts show you how plants move around the world, how they influence people and how people have influenced them.

Cost: \$6 NBG Members/\$12 non-members

Floral Design Workshops – Topiary Elegance

Thursday, April 21st × 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

NBG Adult Program Coordinator and floral designer Betty Ann Galway teaches the basic steps of creating a long-lasting classical topiary in a sculptured urn to add traditional elegance to any home. This fresh design is created to dry naturally. Bring garden gloves and clippers if you have them.

Cost: \$30 NBG Members/\$40 non-members

Class minimum: 10/maximum: 20

Lunch & Learn – Some Like it Hot: Creating a Tropical Paradise

Friday, April 22nd × 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Bring your brown bag or reserve our box lunch and sit in on this exciting new series. This spring, spend one lunch hour a month learning how to be a better gardener from NBG experts.

Cost: \$4 NBG Members/\$10 non-members

Box lunch: \$10 × must be pre-ordered

For more information or to register for a program visit www.norfolkbotanicalgarden.org or call 757.441.5830.

CHRYSLER HALL

The Off-Broadway Smash Hit Comes to Norfolk

HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH

For a limited engagement

Beginning April 26 at Little Hall

HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH plays Little Hall (located at Chrysler Hall) for a limited engagement beginning April 26, 2005. Tickets are available at the Scope box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Charge by phone 671-8100 or on line at www.ticketmaster.com

This groundbreaking Obie-winning Off-Broadway smash also won multiple awards for its hit film adaptation. It tells the story of “internationally ignored song stylist” Hedwig Schmidt. This outrageous and unexpectedly hilarious story is dazzlingly performed by Hedwig in the form of a rock gig/stand-up comedy routine backed by the hard-rocking band “The Angry Inch.”

Using songs and monologues, Hedwig tells her story which begins in former East Berlin. An American GI promises to take Hedwig (then known as Hansel) to the States. He eventually abandons Hedwig in a Kansas trailer park where she turns to music and meets geeky Tommy Speck, whom she takes under her wing and soon falls for. Tommy steals her songs, achieves rock star fame, and Hedwig is once again cast aside. She decides to demand redress and stalks Tommy’s world tour, performing in the low-end restaurants situated next door to his stadium concerts.

Hedwig describes her life’s search for “The Origin of Love” and her other half. It’s a rocking ride, funny, touching and ultimately inspiring to anyone who has felt life gave them an inch when they deserved a mile.

HEDWIG AND THE ANGRY INCH begins April 26 at Little Hall. Performance schedule Tues.-Thurs. 8pm; Friday 7pm & 9:30pm; Saturday 5:00pm & 8:30pm; Sunday 7pm. Tickets range from \$25-\$39 and are available at the Scope box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. Charge by phone (757) 671-8100 or on line at www.ticketmaster.com

Broadway’s Award-Winning Best Musical

DISNEY’S THE LION KING

Group Tickets Now on Sale!!

Disney’s The Lion King has been confirmed for a multiple-week limited engagement at Chrysler Hall in Norfolk beginning December 9th, 2005. This United States National Tour is currently one of nine productions running worldwide along with New York, Tempe, Sydney, London, Hamburg, Scheveningen, Tokyo and Nagoya. Opening night in Norfolk is set for Saturday, December 10th at 8:00 p.m., with preview performances on December 9th at 8:00 p.m. and December 10th at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets are now on sale for groups of (20) or more. A toll free number, 1-888-500-BWAY (2929), is available for group ticket information and to place an order. Groups

should order now to get the best seats before tickets go on sale to the general public in June 2005.

CHRYSLER MUSEUM OF ART

Legendary Seattle Band Mudhoney to Perform in Conjunction with *Touch Me I'm Sick: Rock 'n' Roll Photographs* by Charles Peterson

Friday, April 22, 6 - 10 p.m.

Friday April 22, the Chrysler Museum of Art and For Art's Sake: Young Affiliates Chrysler welcomes legendary Seattle rockers Mudhoney for a very special one-time only performance for the closing party for the current exhibition *Touch Me I'm Sick: Rock 'n' Roll Photographs* by Charles Peterson. Richmond's irreverent synth-pop gurus The Gaskets and Norfolk natives Quang T will open the event. And, Charles Peterson himself will return for this very exciting and unique happening.

Nirvana, Pearl Jam, and Soundgarden may have garnered more immediate fame and sold more records, but Mudhoney was truly the band who made the '90s grunge rock movement possible. Mudhoney was the first real success story for Sub Pop Records; their indie-scene success and DIY (do-it-yourself) ethos laid the groundwork for the movement that would make Seattle the new capital of the rock & roll universe. Though Mudhoney never scored the big payday some of their old-running buddies did, their importance on the Seattle scene cannot be underestimated.

Mudhoney will perform as part of a special closing party for friend and photographer Charles Peterson's first-ever museum exhibition *Touch Me I'm Sick*. During the 1980s and early 90s, Peterson found himself at the center of an explosive underground music scene that began in the quiet Northwest city of Seattle—this movement came to be known as the extraordinary phenomenon of “Grunge.” A friend of many of the musicians involved, Peterson not only became an intimate eyewitness to the birth of this electrifying new era in music, but also contributed to its world-wide influence through his photographs.

The exhibition includes approximately 70 photographs from this period in Peterson's career featuring such bands as Nirvana, Mudhoney, Pearl Jam, Soundgarden, Hole, Black Flag, Fugazi, and Sonic Youth, among others. *Touch Me I'm Sick: Rock 'n' Roll Photographs* by Charles Peterson will be on view at the Museum through May 1 and open during the concert.

Touch Me I'm Sick: Rock 'n' Roll Photographs by Charles Peterson is sponsored by For Art's Sake: The Young Affiliates of the Chrysler Museum of Art. Media sponsorship is provided by Ninevolt magazine and 96X WROX FM.

Cost: Tickets are \$20 in advance; \$25 day of the show. Tickets may be purchased at the Museum or by contacting Laurie Faddis, Special Events Assistant, at (757) 333-6336 or lfaddis@chrysler.org. A cash bar (beer, wine, and select liquor) and food for purchase will be available. This special event will go on as scheduled rain or shine.

The Fine Art of Jazz

Enjoy more of what the Chrysler has to offer

The Chrysler continues its special Wednesday night offerings with a fabulous new season of exhibitions, programs, tours, and of course, *The Art of Jazz* Series. In addition to live jazz, the Museum will continue to host *The Fine Art of Wine*—an informal wine tasting on the first Wednesday of every month beginning at 6 p.m.

Farm Fresh's Wine Depot provides the wine education; the Museum provides great music, magnificent art, and a beautiful setting. Museum admission is voluntary and light fare is available.

The fabulous performers scheduled for the next several weeks are listed below. Join us.

Jazz Line Up

April 20 - Pamela Hines

April 27 - Reginald Gist

May 4 - Against All Odds

May 11 - NO JAZZ – MUSEUM
CLOSED

May 18 - Vinnie Knight

May 25 - Grace Street

June 1 - Swing Time

June 8 - Charles Darden

June 15 - Jim Newsom

June 22 - Reggie Gist

June 29 - Anna Gunn

Jazz acts will perform from 6:15 -
8:45 p.m.

*Evening includes *The Fine Art of
Wine* -- informal wine tasting.

CAMP CHRYSLER--Let the Sparks Fly in July

Camper's imaginations will be sparked and ignited at the Chrysler by creating visual and performing art. Each morning campers have the opportunity to explore galleries and

create artworks. Afternoons will be spent with Steve Kohrherr, children's theatre specialist, creating a unique theatre production that will be present at the end of each week. The week will be fun-filled, exciting, and full of surprises. Join us for an illuminating good time.

July 11-15	ages 6- 8 time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
July 18- 22	ages 9-12 time: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (an early release on Friday afternoon)

Cost: \$175 for Museum Members / \$250 for non-Museum members (this includes a one-year Household membership)

Registration: April 1-June 3. For additional information, please contact Channon Dillard at (757) 333-6239 or cdillard@chrysler.org.

Save the Date

In addition to Camp Chrysler, half-day art workshops will be offered during the week of July 25 – 29. Students will have an opportunity to explore themes found in the Permanent Collection and create their own original artwork. Morning sessions from 9 a.m. – 12 noon will be offered for children aged 6 – 8; afternoon sessions from 1 – 4 p.m. will be offered for children 9 – 12. For more information, please contact Channon Dillard at 333-6239. (Registration will end June 24).

SUNDAY SURPRISES

Sunday Surprises are included with Museum admission or free to Museum Members.

Sunday, April 10, 2 p.m.

Grand's Day: Great Expectations Genealogy Workshop

Sunday, May 1, 2 – 4 p.m.

See the Art, Hear the Music

The Chrysler and the Virginia Symphony will host an afternoon of music, art, discovery, and fun. Be on the lookout for highlighted artworks, a creative hands-on project, and an "Instrument Petting Zoo." Musical interludes will be heard throughout the afternoon from Suzuki Strings, ensembles from Governor's School for the Arts and First Colonial High School and much more. Cost: included with Museum admission. For more information, please contact Channon Dillard at 333-6239 or cdillard@chrysler.org.

Sunday, June 19, 2 – 4 p.m.

For the Love of God: Music of the Middle Ages

During the 7th century, music was very simple and based on devotional chant. By the end

of the mid-15th century, it had become very sophisticated, with complex interplay between instruments and voices. Despite all of the changes throughout the period, people believed that music was an integral part of the cosmos reflecting the love of God, whether celebrating the holiness of the Virgin Mary or the beauty of a beloved. Join Aurora, a duo of harp and voice, as they perform instrumental and vocal music in the Chrysler's Medieval Gallery. Cost: included with Museum admission.

Saturday, April 30, 11 a.m. - 12 noon

Children's Storytelling - Young Audiences of Virginia Presents: *Stories of Ancient China*

TICKLE MY EARS: STORIES AND ART AT THE CHRYSLER

Tickle My Ears is a program for pre-kindergarten children that meets on the first Thursday of every month at 11 a.m. for stories, songs, and surprises that help young children appreciate art. No reservations are necessary for individuals, but please call 333-6239 for group reservations. In addition, the Norfolk Public Library's Kirn Memorial Branch will suggest a list of books related to the chosen topic. A reading passport will encourage children and their caregivers to read at the library and return to the Museum for a "treat." Cost: included with Museum admission; children under 12 are free. This program has been generously funded by The Norfolk Foundation.

April 7: Contemporary Glass: Boats and Sails

May 5: Cinco de Mayo: Instruments and Music

June 2: Moses Myers Historic House: The Garden

Mother's Day Brunch in celebration of

Great Expectations: John Singer Sargent Painting Children

Sunday May 8, 12 p.m.

Featuring a delicious full buffet and a cash bar. The fun includes Gilded Age games, toys, fashions, and art activities.

Adults: \$15; Children under 12: \$5.

Non-Members of the Museum also pay Museum admission.

Advance paid reservations are strongly recommended. Please call (757) 333-6268 to make your family's reservations.

For more information, email membership@chrysler.org.

**Savor the Chrysler with a Convenient Box Lunch and Free Admission
Wednesdays through May 18, 2005**

Check out either or both of our special exhibitions — *Touch Me I'm Sick: The Rock 'n Roll Photographs of Charles Peterson* and *Great Expectations: John Singer Sargent Painting Children* — or visit your favorite gallery. Then enjoy a delicious and convenient box lunch. Cuisine & Company at the Chrysler now offers box lunches every Wednesday through May 18th. Just call 333-6291. Please leave your name, the number and type of lunches you wish to reserve, the time they will be picked up, and your telephone number in case it is needed. We recommend calling to reserve your lunch by 2 p.m. on the Tuesday before you come.

Your box lunch choices:

Caesar Salad

With a petite fresh fruit salad, homemade cookie, and bottled water
\$7.15 for Museum Members; \$7.95 for Non-Members

Caesar Salad with Chicken

With a petite fresh fruit salad, homemade cookie, and bottled water
\$8.95 for Museum Members; \$9.95 for Non-Members

Gobbler Sandwich

(Turkey, White Cheddar Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato,
and Creamy Dijon Dressing on French Bread)
With potato chips, homemade cookie, and bottled water
\$7.15 for Museum Members; \$7.95 for Non-Members

Wednesday Museum admission and parking are free. Take the box lunch back to your office or enjoy it in the lively ambience of the Museum's central Huber Court. Or, make reservations to enjoy seated dining in the Café.

CURRENTLY ON VIEW AT THE CHRYSLER

Touch Me I'm Sick: Rock 'n' Roll Photography by Charles Peterson on View Through May 1, 2005; Alice R. and Sol B. Frank Photography Galleries. During the late 1980s and early '90s photographer Charles Peterson found himself at the center of an explosive underground music scene that began in the quiet Northwest city of Seattle—this movement was become an eyewitness to the birth of an extraordinary new era in music that grabbed the world's attention and refused to let go. This is Charles Peterson's first museum exhibition and is sponsored by For Art's Sake: Young Affiliates of the Chrysler. Media sponsorship is provided by *Ninevolt* magazine and WROX 96X FM.

Photography Speaks: Through May 22, 2005; Alice R. and Sol B. Frank

Photography Galleries. The current exhibition *Photography Speaks* highlights recent acquisitions to the Chrysler's impressive photography collection, including works by Mathew Brady, Southworth and Hawes, Adolph Braun, Andre Kertesz, James Abbe, Bob Lerner, Eikoh Hosoe, Rineke Dijkstra, Thomas Struth and Gabriel Orozco.

UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

The Virginian-Pilot Student Gallery 2005; March 26-April 22, 2005; McKinnon

Galleries of Modern Art. This unique exhibition gives Hampton Roads' high-school art students the opportunity to enter into friendly competition with their peers. During the three weeks of March 26-April 22 the works of finalists will be on display at the Chrysler while the honorees' work will be shown at the Contemporary Art Center of Virginia in Virginia Beach. This exhibition is sponsored by *The Virginian-Pilot*, PilotOnLine.com, HamptonRoads.com and SunTrust Bank.

Photographs by Barbara Morgan; April 29 through August 28, 2005; Waitzer

Community Gallery. Also in conjunction with the 2005 Virginia Arts Festival, the Chrysler is please to present *Photographs by Barbara Morgan*. The show will consist of 20 photographs by Barbara Morgan of the legendary choreographer and dancer Martha Graham. The photographs are loaned by the estate of Barbara Morgan—Lloyd and Janet Morgan. For more information on the Martha Graham Dance group performances during this year's festival please call 282-2819 or visit www.virginiaartsfest.com

SENIORS ART FORUM

The Seniors Art Forum is a senior citizens group that meets at 2 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month for a tour, discussion, and light refreshments. No reservations are necessary for individuals, but please call (757) 333-6268 for group reservations. Cost: included with Museum admission.

The Moses Myers House: Time Capsule from the Early Republic; Saturday, April 9;

With a multimedia presentation and tour of the Moses Myers House, Acting Curator of Historic Houses Gary E. Baker will share the latest discoveries and insights on the House and its furnishings.

Begun in summer 2004, the first phase of an extensive restoration project, has revealed a wealth of previously unknown detail and richness in architectural ornament. Join Mr. Baker to hear about these latest exciting developments, as well as future plans for this Norfolk treasure.

CHRYSLER CREATES

Each month, we offer two Chrysler Creates studio art classes, one for adults and one for children. The topic and instructor of each class change on a monthly basis. For more information, to register, or to obtain a materials list, please visit our website or call 333-6268.

Adults: Drawing with the Masters; Wednesdays, April 20, 27; 6-8 p.m. Beginning and intermediate students will perfect their abilities to render three-dimensional forms on a two-dimensional plane. Under the instruction of Rosalee Phelps students will use masterworks from the Permanent Collection to study light and shadow, perspective, value, abstraction, and other principles relevant to the medium of drawing. Cost: \$75 Museum Members, \$100 non-members, plus materials.

Adults: Illustrating Children's Books; Wednesdays, May 4, 11, 18, 25; 6-8 p.m. Students will learn about the process of children's book illustration with instructor Julia Burgess. While the class will focus primarily on drawing and painting techniques, other topics will be explored such as writing and publishing children's stories as well as marketing your book. Students should have some drawing and/or painting experience. Cost: \$75 Museum Members, \$100 non-members, plus materials.

Children (9-12 years old): Drawing—Basics for the Young Artist; Saturdays, April 16, 30; 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Under the instruction of Donna Iona Drozda each child will be encouraged to let his or her natural style emerge through a series of exercises designed to "open the artist's eye." Each week, a visit to the galleries for inspiration on how the masters worked will precede instruction. Cost: \$40 Museum Members, \$55 non-members, plus materials.

Children (13-17 years old): Design from Around the World; Saturdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28; 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Instructor: Jacob King. This "beginners" class will expose students to various design traditions and practices throughout world history and culture. Using examples from ancient, indigenous, and modern art, students will create ink drawings and linoleum prints from a sketch of their own design. Cost: \$50 Museum Members, \$75 non-members, plus materials.

d'ART CENTER

Make you plans now for Summer d'ART Camp 2005 at the Selden Arcade*!

Five Creative and fun-filled days in an atmosphere where fine art is made.

Drawing ~ Painting ~ Clay ~ Mixed Media and more! Student Art Show on Friday!

ART'S COOL!

June 20-24 ~ ages 6-8

July 18-22 ~ ages 8-11

August 22-26 ~ ages 6-10

ART'S HOT!

June 27-July 1 ~ ages 9-14

July 25-29 ~ ages 9-14

Tuition \$140 ~ Materials fee \$25 / week

Bring a Bag Lunch - Snacks provided

d'ART Camp instructors are experienced art educators who have taught at the d'ART Center, Governor's School and Norfolk and Virginia Beach school systems.

d'ART Camp 2005 will be in our NEW location in the Selden Arcade, 208 East Main Street, across from the Marriott Waterside. We offer convenient delivery and pick-up.

Please CALL 625-4211 for details, visit www.d-artcenter.org

The d'ART Center is looking for camp volunteers to assist with Summer d'ART DAY CAMP. The role of Camp Assistants is to support the work of the Art Instructors and to help them as they work with the art campers. Applicants must be 15 or over, responsible, and work well with children.

d'ART CAMP runs 5 weeks, Monday - Friday, 9:00am-2:00pm:

June 20-24 ~ ages 6-8

June 27- July 1 ~ ages 9-14

July 18-22 ~ ages 8-11

June 25-29 ~ ages 9-14

August 22-26 ~ ages 6-10

d'ART Camp will be held at the Selden Arcade, 208 East Main Street, across from the Marriott Waterside.

Please CONTACT 625-4211 for additional information and volunteer application.

The d'ART CENTER is a regional, private, non-profit, visual art facility featuring 40 resident visual artists creating, displaying and selling original fine art. Our special events support the center's mission of connecting the public with the visual arts process.

FESTEVENTS

“Concerts at the Point” at Town Point Park Brings Great Entertainment Every Friday in May

The 2005 season for **Norfolk Festevents** swings into high gear in May at Town Point Park on the Downtown Norfolk waterfront with “Concerts at the Point” every Friday evening. Other highlights at Town Point Park this May will be **Cinco de Mayo**, the **Virginia Beer Festival** and **AFR’AM Fest** plus visits by **international tall ships**.

Cingular Concerts at the Point, every Friday in May, Town Point Park

May 6: 26-year-old singer, songwriter, pianist, and guitarist **Gavin DeGraw**, whose effortlessly intimate, emotionally intense live performances have made him the toast of the downtown Manhattan music scene, will perform such moving original songs as “I Don’t Wanna Be,” the theme song from *One Tree Hill*, and the title track from his latest album, “Chariot.” DeGraw will feature special guest, Michael Tolcher. Find out more information on Gavin DeGraw by visiting www.gavindegraw.com and Michael Tolcher at www.michaeltolcher.com.

May 13: The Richmond-based band **Carbon Leaf** will headline this particular Friday night. After winning the first ever Coca-Cola New Music Award in 2001, the eclectic sounds of this band have rocked the national airwaves with hits like “Life Less Ordinary” and “What About Everything.” **The Virginia Coalition** and **The Samples** will also be on stage that evening. For more information on Carbon Leaf, visit www.carbonleaf.com.

May 20: **Lifeshouse**, a California trio, brings their spiritually motivated brand of music to Town Point Park. Popular songs enjoying national play include “You and Me” and “Hanging by a Moment.” Visit www.lifeshouse.com for more information on the band.

May 27: 21-year old singer/songwriter **Ryan Cabrera** wraps up the concert series with cuts from his album “Take it All Away” that debuted at #8 on the Billboard Top 200 albums. Songs like “True” and “On the Way Down” have made the Dallas, Texas native a hit with young fans across the country. For all the information on Ryan Cabrera, visit the official web site, www.ryancabrera.com.

All Cingular “Concerts at the Point” begin at 6 p.m. and tickets are \$8 in advance at www.festeventsva.org or \$10 at the door. **New for 2005 is the Point Pass**. This \$25 pass

includes admission to all four “Concerts at the Point,” plus fabulous discounts available only to Point Pass patrons. This is a \$15 savings off the gate price and must be purchased in advance only at www.festeventsva.org. Between 6 and 7 p.m. on the evening of the event, Cingular cellular customers receive one free admission just by showing their phone. Concerts held rain or shine, no refunds.

Cinco de Mayo, Thursday, May 5, 2005 Waterside Amphitheater

Jimmie’s Chicken Shack will be live on stage at the Waterside Amphitheater in Downtown Norfolk performing their very own blend of funk-metal, ska and reggae with a kick of surprising acoustic prowess. The show starts at 5 p.m., and admission is free. Find out more information about Jimmie’s Chicken Shack by visiting www.jimmieschickenshack.com.

4th Annual Virginia Beer Festival, Saturday, May 14, 2005 Town Point Park

The beer flows on this Saturday in May, with international and domestic on tap. As part of the Virginia Arts Festival, the 4th annual **Virginia Beer Festival** will also feature delectable foods and live entertainment. Tickets are \$15 in advance by calling 757-671-8100 and \$20 at the gate. Reserved tables and commemorative pitchers will also be available.

AFR’AM Fest, Saturday – Monday, May 28 – 30, 2005 Town Point Park

Every Memorial Day weekend, the state’s oldest and largest African-American event is celebrated at Town Point Park. **AFR’AM FEST**, produced by the Southeastern Virginia Arts Association, is a commemoration of African-American culture and arts that annually attracts more than 200,000 attendees. For more information call (757) 216-7518.

Ship Visits, Otter Berth in Downtown Norfolk

May 15 – 20: Argentine Naval ship, *Spiro*, a light general-purpose frigate. Open for public visitation.

May 17 – 21: Chilean Naval training ship, *Esmerelda*. Open for public visitation.

June Will Be Jumpin’ at Town Point Park Norfolk Harborfest® and Bayou Boogaloo to Highlight Busy Month for Norfolk Festevents

29th Annual Norfolk Harborfest®, June 10-12, Town Point Park

The granddaddy of Hampton Roads festivals, Norfolk Harborfest® will this year offer visitors more than 130 hours of live entertainment on eight stages. Admission is free to this event. Headline performers will be:

- **Ingram Hill – Friday, June 10, 5:30 p.m.**
- **Chely Wright – Friday, June 10, 7 p.m.**
- **Rusted Root – Friday, June 10, 9 p.m.**
- **Aaron Carter – Saturday, June 11, 1:15 p.m.**
- **Robert Earl Keen – Saturday, June 11, 4:30 p.m.**
- **The Supremes with Mary Wilson – Saturday, June 11, 6 p.m.**
- **Percy Sledge – Sunday, June 12, 3 p.m.**
- **The Charlie Daniels Band - Sunday, June 12, 4:45 p.m.**

Along with the music, Norfolk Harborfest® will feature a spectacular Saturday night fireworks show, a wide array of food choices, games, demonstrations and the annual Parade of Sail (June 10) that will include stately sailing ships and the recently completed Schooner Virginia. Admission to all Norfolk Harborfest® events is free.

“The Supremes, starring Mary Wilson,” “Percy Sledge,” “The Charlie Daniels Band” and **“Chely Wright”** are among this year’s headline entertainers announced this week for the 29th Annual Harborfest®, June 10-12, 2005 on the Downtown Norfolk waterfront.

More than 110 hours of live entertainment will be featured on eight waterfront stages as well as continuous water events taking place on the Elizabeth River.

Other top national, local and regional performers also announced this week include **Ingram Hill, Old Crow Medicine Show, Rumors- Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band, Bootylicious, Salsa Y Mas, Lewis McGehee, Mike Proffitt, FAB, Bill Deal’s Rhondels, Luckytown, Joe Maniscalco, Calypso Nuts, and Don Case and the Satin Sounds Orchestra.**

“We are thrilled to be able to bring such an outstanding lineup of national and regional performers to this year’s Norfolk Harborfest®,” says Karen Scherberger, Executive Director of **Norfolk Festevents**, which coordinates production of **Norfolk Harborfest®**. She adds, “For thousands of people, Norfolk Harborfest has become a huge Hampton Roads reunion of friends and family each year, so it’s no surprise to us that Norfolk Harborfest® was rated in 2004 as the #1 Outdoor Festival in the region by Hampton Roads Magazine!”

“The Supremes, starring Mary Wilson”

With twelve #1 pop singles, numerous gold recordings, sold-out concerts, and regular television appearances, the **Supremes** were not only the most commercially successful female group of the 1960's, but among the top five pop/rock/soul acts of that decade. With "Stop! In the Name of Love"

“Percy Sledge”

Soul artist **Percy Sledge** will perform on **Sunday, June 12** at 3 p.m. Known for his iconic “When A Man Loves A Woman,” Sledge has five gold and two platinum albums to his credit. He was inducted into the Rock-and-Roll Hall of Fame on March 14.

“The Charlie Daniels Band”

The Charlie Daniels Band, a longtime favorite of Hampton Roads audiences, rounds out **Norfolk Harborfest®** on Sunday, June 12 at 4:45 p.m. The Charlie Daniels Band's smooth combination of bluegrass, country, blues, and gospel has delighted millions of fans over the group's long career and made them an icon on the American music scene. More information can be found at www.charliedaniels.com.

“Chely Wright”

Since the age of four, Chely Wright has been playing music and singing. And now, Wright's country hits frequent the airwaves with hits like “Single White Female.” This year, she will appear at **Norfolk Harborfest®** on Friday, June 10 at 7:00 p.m. For more information, Chely Wright's official web site is www.chely.com.

“Ingram Hill”

The musical entertainment of **Norfolk Harborfest®** will kick off Friday night with **Ingram Hill**, a Tennessee rock band. With influences such as Elvis and The Black Crowes, this band has created an earthy mix of pop and Southern rock. The single, “Will I Ever Make it Home,” is currently #10 on 94.9 The Point's playlist. The official web site for this band is www.ingramhillmusic.com.

For 29 years, Norfolk has celebrated its unique geography and colorful maritime history and culture by hosting **Norfolk Harborfest®**. Magnificent sailing vessels, pleasure craft, Chesapeake Bay Workboats, military ships, cruise liners and the recently completed **Schooner Virginia** will travel the Elizabeth River to the Norfolk harbor. Onshore, hundreds of thousands of visitors will enjoy food, games, demonstrations and the region's largest fireworks display presented by **Marine Hydraulics International, Inc.**

**16th Annual Cingular Bayou Boogaloo and
Cajun Food Festival,**

June 24-26, Town Point Park

“Come as you are” describes the down home, casual atmosphere of Norfolk Festevents’ increasingly popular tribute to “N’awlins” inspired music, food and fun. This year’s headliners include:

- **Galactic – Friday, June 24, 8:30 p.m.**
- **Cowboy Mouth – Saturday, June 25, 5:30 p.m.**
- **John Popper Project – Saturday, June 25, 8:30 p.m.**
- **C.J. Chenier & the Red Hot Louisiana Band – Sunday, June 26, 1 p.m.**
- **Marcia Ball – Sunday June 26, 2:45 p.m.**
- **Delbert McClinton – Sunday, June 26, 4:30 p.m.**

Along with the music will be authentic Louisiana dining and beverages, eating contests, a funeral march and more. Visit www.festeventsva.org for admission information.

The **Bayou Boogaloo** is sponsored by Cingular Wireless, Chrysler/Jeep, Budweiser, CFE Equipment Corporation, Norfolk Waterside Marriott, AutoTrader.com, Cox Communications, AL&M, Apartment Movers of Virginia and Executive Limousines.

Ocean View Big Bands on the Bay

June 5, 12, 19 and 26, 7 – 9 p.m. each evening

Ocean View Beach Park

Big bands return to Ocean View Park each Sunday evening throughout the summer. Admission is free and the headliners for June include:

- **Dick Crist & The Sounds of Swing – June 5**
- **Don Case & Satin Sound Orchestra – June 12**
- **The Top Hats Orchestra – June 19**
- **The Upper Willett Drive Big Band – June 26**

Tall Ship Visit – Danmark from Denmark

June 24-27, Norfolk Waterfront

The magnificent sailing vessel Danmark from Denmark returns for a three-day visit to the downtown waterfront.

23rd Annual Cingular Norfolk Jazz Festival, July 15 – 16, Town Point Park

Spyro Gyra, the “Groovin’ for Grover” Tour, Paul Taylor and Stanley Jordan To
Headline 2005 Norfolk Jazz Festival *Tickets To Go on Sale May 1 for July 15-16 Event*

Some of the world’s best known and loved jazz artists, including Spyro Gyra and the talented players from the “Groovin’ for Grover” Tour, will headline **The 23rd Annual Cingular Norfolk Jazz Festival**, presented by **Norfolk Festevents**, on **July 15 and 16, 2005**, at Town Point Park in Downtown Norfolk. Tickets go on sale May 1 with reserve seating available.

“The lineup for this year is one of the best we’ve had,” says Karen Scherberger, Executive Director for Norfolk Festevents, “and that’s saying something because this has become one of the premier jazz festivals on the East Coast.”

The 2005 schedule of headliners is as follows:

- **Friday, July 15, Spyro Gyra**, a long-time favorite of Norfolk Jazz Festival attendees, will prove once more why they remain a music powerhouse after thirty years in the business. The group has just released its 27th album, “The Deep End.” Also that evening, saxophonist **Paul Taylor** will perform his signature smooth, yet electrifying tunes such as “Nightlife,” his latest single, and the title track of his recently released CD, which debuted at #2 in National Contemporary Jazz Sales.
- On **Saturday, July 16**, the spotlight will be on the “**Groovin’ for Grover**” tour featuring renowned jazz artists **Gerald Albright**, **Kirk Whalum** and **Jeff Lorber**. **Gerald Albright** combines jazz, funk and R & B to create a soulful sax sound. Saxophonist **Kirk Whalum** is certain to play cuts from his soon-to-be released CD “The Basement (Where Musicians Hang Out).” Keyboard artist **Jeff Lorber** mixes old-school rhythms with jazz improv, and is looking forward to introducing fans to his latest CD, “Flipside.”

Named for the late Grover Washington, Jr., the “**Groovin’ for Grover**” tour began in 2004. A portion of the proceeds from the series will benefit the “Protect a Dream” Foundation, an organization that raises money to provide instruments, lessons, resources and materials to aspiring young musicians.

Also on Saturday, jazz guitarist Stanley Jordan will stir the audience with his unique percussion style, and will play selections from his long musical career including last year’s release, “Dreams of Peace.”

The 23rd Annual Cingular Norfolk Jazz Festival will also feature local jazz artists, including Jim Newsom. Newsom and his band-mates are hometown favorites and will be first to take the stage on Friday evening. As a flutist, guitarist and vocalist, Newsom's classic and contemporary sound is sure to set the mood for a weekend of tantalizing jazz.

For more information on performers in this year's Norfolk Jazz Festival, visit their web sites: www.paultaylorsax.com, www.spyrogyra.com, www.stanleyjordan.com, www.gerald-albright.com, www.kirkwhalum.com, www.lorber.com, and www.jimnewsom.com. Also, www.protectthedream.com has more information on the "Groovin' for Grover" tour.

Tickets for the **Norfolk Jazz Festival** can be purchased online starting Sunday, May 1 at www.festeventsva.org and at several locations in the area, which are listed on the website. Advance tickets will remain available until 5 p.m., Wed., July 13. Options include:

Adults

- 2-day General Admission Weekend Pass
\$34 in advance only
- 2-day Reserved Seating Weekend Pass (chair provided)
\$58 in advance only
- Friday General Admission
\$17.50 in advance
\$20 at the gate
- Saturday General Admission
\$22.50 in advance
\$25 at the gate

Children

- 12 and younger are admitted free

Other promotions for 2005 include:

Boater's Package (parkside docking during Festival hours)

- \$15 docking fee per day plus daily General Admission fee for each guest on board

Cingular “Show Your Phone” Promotion

- Showing a Cingular phone from 5 – 6 p.m. on Friday or from 3 – 4 p.m. on Saturday earns a discount off the day-of ticket price, \$10 on Friday and \$15 on Saturday (one discounted ticket per phone).

Parking is available in downtown garages. For updates to the **Norfolk Jazz Festival** schedule of events and festival information, visit Norfolk Festevents at www.festeventsva.org or contact by phone at (757) 441-2345.

The **23rd Annual Norfolk Jazz Festival** is made possible by *Cingular, Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Chrysler/Jeep, Budweiser, CFE Equipment Corporation, AutoTrader.com, AL&M and Executive Limousines.*

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2nd Annual Cingular Bluegrass in the Park Festival, July 30, Town Point Park

Last year’s inaugural **Bluegrass in the Park Festival** was a huge success, attracting bluegrass fans from across the region. This year the event is scheduled on a weekend date for an even better musical experience with bluegrass legends **Ralph Stanley, Nashville Bluegrass Band, Lonesome River Band** and **Hackensaw Boys** taking the stage all in one Saturday! Not only can great bluegrass music be heard this weekend, but it can also be learned with local bluegrass artists teaching workshops throughout the day provided by Tidewater Friends of Folk Music.

Virginia In-Water Boat Expo, Sept. 9 – 11, Town Point Park and Norfolk Waterside Marina

Co-produced by the National Marine Manufacturers Association, the latest in boats, engines and accessories will be displayed on land and in water at the inaugural **Virginia In-Water Boat Expo**. On the same weekend at Town Point Park, **Norfolk Festevents** will host the Cingular **Norfolk Seafood Sampler** and **Beach Music Festival** with musical groups including **Bill Deal’s Rhondells, The Embers, Band of Oz, Coolin Out, The Showmen, and The O’Kaysions.** *Sponsored by Cingular, Chrysler/Jeep, Norfolk Waterside Marriott, Budweiser, CFE Equipment Corporation, Cox Communications, AL&M, Apartment Movers of Virginia and Executive Limousines. Admission \$ (Boat Expo) and free (Seafood Sampler and Beach Music Fest).*

17th Annual Cingular Virginia Children’s Festival, Oct. 1, Town Point Park

With more than 50 creative and interactive activities, hands-on workshops and educational displays, cultural experiences, arts and crafts and more, the Cingular **Virginia Children's Festival** has become one of Hampton Roads' most beloved family festivals. This is a whole day of activities geared toward children 10 and younger and this year's festival features the "Reading is Fun with Sesame Street" theme with favorite costume characters joining the program such as **Dora the Explorer** and the cast of **Alice in Wonderland**. *Sponsored by Cingular, Chrysler-Jeep, Norfolk Waterside Marriott, CFE Equipment Corporation, Bank of America, Cox Communications, Apartment Movers of Virginia, Norfolk Public Library, Sadler Materials, Silver Diner, and WTKR News Channel 3.* **Admission \$.**

18th Annual Cingular Town Point Virginia Wine Festival, Oct. 15 – 16, Town Point Park

Voted "**Best Event for Wine Lovers**" in Hampton Roads Magazine's "Best of 2004," the Cingular **Town Point Virginia Wine Festival** is one of the Old Dominion's largest and most well-attended wine festivals featuring products from more than 30 Virginia wineries this year. Guests, who often join friends to reserve entire tables and stock them with cheese and other delicacies can roam the booths, sampling the state's finest merlots and chardonnays as well as purchase cases to take home. *Sponsored by Cingular, Chrysler-Jeep, Norfolk Waterside Marriott, CFE Equipment Corporation, Old Point National Bank, Apartment Movers of Virginia, Hampton Roads Magazine, PortFolio Weekly, 94.9 FM The Point, 101.3 FM 2WD, Sunbelt Staffing and Executive Limousines.* **Admission \$.**

For information on purchasing tickets or on specific events, please call Norfolk Festevents at 757-441-2345 or visit the web site at www.festeventsva.org. For media queries, contact Kelley Anderson at Rubin Communications Group, 757-456-5212, kelly@rubincommunications.com.

HERMITAGE FOUNDATION

Hats Off to the Hermitage! It is springtime and the flowers are in bloom. The gardens are beautiful and the Hermitage is brand new! Well, it seems like it. We have made so many wonderful changes at The Hermitage Foundation that you must come and have a look.

Please join us for a grand reopening of the Museum, the Music Room and the grounds – we are calling it *Hats Off to The Hermitage!* This event will take place on Sunday, May 22nd from 1 – 5 pm and feature lots of family fun! We will have games, food and music, not to mention tours of the house and of course . . . hats! Wear your most

fun, wildest, wackiest or simply largest hat. Perhaps you do not have a hat that fits into one of these categories, that's okay. You can make it here!

This great event is open to the public and is just one of many to come for museum members, so be sure to become a member while you're here. Museum members receive free admission to the Museum, discounts on classes at the Visual Arts School, invitations to future events and much more. Please visit www.hermitagefoundation.org for more information or call the Hermitage at 423-2052. We look forward to seeing you for this FREE event!

HURRAH PLAYERS

Spring Session classes run April 4th through May 14th

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

May 20, 2005 - 7:00 PM

May 21, 2005 - 3:00 PM

May 22, 2005 - 3:00 PM

Summer Camps: 3 Sessions - #1. **July 4th – 15th** #2. **July 18th – 29th** #3.
August 1st - 12

FOOTLOOSE

July 29, 2005 - 7:00 PM

July 30, 2005 - 3:00 PM

July 31, 2005 - 3:00 PM

Fall Session classes run September 12th – November 12th

Office Information:

The office is located at 935 Woodrow Avenue in Ghent.

Hours are 9:00am - 5:00pm.

Hurrah Players also offers theatre classes for ages 5 - Adult through the year and camps in the summer.

LIBRARIES

SPRING FESTIVAL

Barron F. Black Homework Center, the Bookmobile and the Treasure Truck outreach services of the Norfolk Public Library will be hosting a Spring Festival on Sunday, May

1st from 2-5 p.m. at the Barron F. Black Homework Center located at 6700 E. Tanners Creek Drive(off of Military Hwy.) Family fun for all ages! free food, crafts, games, and entertainment. For further information please contact Barron F. Black Library #441-5806

FREE PROGRAMS

Norfolk Public Library offers a variety of free programs for people of all ages. These are just a few of the programs that are being offered. For a complete listing visit www.npl.lib.va.us or pick up a calendar of events at any NPL location.

1. Spring Festival. 2:00 p.m., Sun, May 1. Family fun for all ages. Games, crafts, storytime, an author, free entertainment and more. Barron F. Black Homework Center 6700 Tanners Creek Drive Bookmobile, 757-858-2044
2. Reading Rockets: Launching Young Readers - Authors & Illustrators at Work. 10:30 a.m., Tue, May 3. Help your child soar to new reading heights with this exciting program. Explore the stages of reading encountered by children from preschool through third grade. Each session includes a brief video clip followed by discussion. Session 5 - Authors and Illustrators at Work: Trade Secret - Find out how great children's books are created. Age Groups: Adults. Kirn Memorial Library, 301 East City Hall Avenue. 757-664-7323
3. 1, 2, 3, Grow with Me, a Parent-Child Workshop. 10:30 a.m., Tue, May 3. Spend time with your toddlers (ages 1 - 3 years) in an educational and creative environment that is filled with toys and play equipment. Friendly, knowledgeable early childhood experts will circulate amongst the group, talking to parents one on one. Topics covered will include nutrition, child development, play, speech language, reading, movement, and physical fitness. Registration is required. Call 441-2842 to register. Age Groups: Family. Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive. 757-441-2842
4. School - Age Fun. 3:45 p.m., Tue, May 3. Students participate in enrichment programs focusing on homework. This group meets Mon.-Friday through June. Age Groups: School Age. Blyden Branch Library, 879 East Princess Anne Road. 757-441-2852
5. A Circle of Love. 6:00 p.m., Tue, May 3. If you can't give her diamonds, give mom the next best thing. Give her a gift from the heart, made by you. Age Groups: All Ages. Blyden Branch Library, 879 East Princess Anne Road. 757-441-2852
6. Word III. 2:00 p.m., Wed, May 4. Park Place Library. Students will create a flyer in class, inserting graphics, and borders. Prerequisite: Basic computer, mouse and typing skills. Age Groups: Adults. *Computer Classes, . 757-651-7596

7. KUTE KIDS PRESCHOOL STORYTIME. 10:30 a.m., Thu, May 5. Mom and Dad Make Me Laugh Age Groups: Preschool. Jordan-Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Avenue. 757-441-2843
8. Babygarten. 10:30 a.m., Thu, May 5. Join us for fingerplays, music, playtime and stories. Age Groups: Babies. Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd. 757-441-5335
9. Bugs, Spiders, and Creepy Crawlies, Oh My! 10:30 a.m., Thu, May 5. Calling all bug lovers! Either crawl, creep or slither on over to our program today. "The Roly-Poly Spider and other slithery stories will drive you totally buggy. Age Groups: Preschool. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place. 757-441-1751
10. Excel II. 10:00 AM, Tue, May 10. Barron F. Black Homework Center. Students will use knowledge gained in the previous class to create a basic spreadsheet. Prerequisite: Excel I or previous Excel experience. Age Groups: Adults. *Computer Classes, 757-651-7596
11. Daddy and Me: Breakfast and a Book - A Pocketful of Posies. 10:00 a.m., Sat, May 14. Vickie Peeper, a garden educator from Tanners Creek Horticulture Center, will be our special guest reader this morning. We all need a flower expert in our lives to learn how to raise pretty posies, so come and discover all the ways you can grow a flower, including propagation. Learn how to make a beautiful flower garden, enjoy breakfast with us, and hear some flowery stories, too. Age Groups: Family. Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive. 757-441-2842
12. Lafayette Reader's Theater for Teens. 1:30 p.m., Sat, May 14. When did you last spend an afternoon laughing, acting, and having more fun than you ever imagined? There's a star in you, and we have a script and a part just tailored for you! If you've always been good at pretending, we'll turn you into the "ham" you were meant to be! Come "act up" with us! Age Groups: Teens. Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive. 757-441-2842
13. Family Night PJ Storyhour. - What's the Buzz? 6:30 p.m., Thu, May 19. Busy bees are hanging around all the time, but what are they really after and why? Come and meet our special guest reader, a beekeeper, and find out all about bees, honey, and honeycombs. Don't miss our honey-of-a-good storyhour. A bedtime snack and juice will be provided. Age Groups: Family. Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive. 757-441-2842

14. Daddy Dearest! 10:30 a.m., Thu, May 26. Father's Day is right around the corner so let's start getting ready for it by hearing stories such as "My Dad" and "The Very Best Daddy of All." Age Groups: Preschool. Little Creek Branch Library, 7853 Tarpon Place. 757-441-1751
15. NPL Online Databases. 10:15 a.m., Thu, Jun 9. Kirn Memorial Library. Discussion of the many valuable online electronic databases available through the NPL website. Prerequisite: Basic computer, mouse, and typing skills. Age Groups: Adults.
*Computer Classes, 757-651-7596
16. Adult Book Club Meeting. 11:00 a.m., Wed, Jun 15. Join us for our monthly book discussion meeting. Group members read a different book each month, and enjoy lively discussions at our meetings. Refreshments will be served. Age Groups: Adults. Pretlow Branch Library, 120 Balview Avenue. 757-441-1750
17. Have a Blast with Kangaroo Kerri, the Clown. 2:00 p.m., Sat, Jun 18. Blast off with us as we enter the world of Funtastic - our Summer Reading Program. The count down begins with a guest appearance by Kangaroo Kerri, the clown. Other Funtastic adventures include reading, crafts, special events, and loads of creative Funtastic activities. Our programs are SOL friendly. Oh, yes bring a friend. Age Groups: Family. Blyden Branch Library, 879 East Princess Anne Road. 757-441-2852
18. Young Audiences Presents Harold Wood's "Circus in a Suitcase." 2:00 p.m., Wed, Jun 22. From ringmaster to clown in Harold Wood's suitcase? Don't believe it? Come see this interactive show as one of many free programs offered through the summer. Age Groups: Family. Jordan-Newby Branch Library, 961 Park Avenue. 757-441-2843
19. Teen Meeting for Summer Volunteer Orientation. 2:30 p.m., Wed, Jun 22. Join us to talk about Pretlow's Funtastic Summer Reading Club 2005. We are inviting teen volunteers aged 12 years and up to help us operate our SRC activities. Volunteer activities will include, but not be limited to, signing up SRC participants, helping with craft projects, and decorating the program room. Join us today to explore the options available. If you are unable to make it today, call us at 441-1750, and we will be happy to fill you in on the details. Age Groups: Teens. Pretlow Branch Library, 9640 Granby Street. 757-441-1750
20. NPL Valueline Research Center. 10:15 a.m., Thu, Jun 23. Kirn Memorial Library. Basic instruction on using the online Valueline Research Center to evaluate stocks. Prerequisite: Basic computer, mouse, and typing skills. Age Groups: Adults.
*Computer Classes, 757-651-7596

21. It's Magic! 2:00 p.m., Thu, Jun 23. Join us for a program filled with mystery and enchantment as Susan Carmona entertains us with her magic tricks. Age Groups: School Age. Janaf Branch Library, 124 Janaf Shopping Center. 757-441-5660
22. Irish Folk Dancers from The Reel Thing Dance Academy. 2:30 p.m., Thu, Jun 23. These young dancers in beautiful costumes will perform Irish jigs, reels, and more that will amaze plus delight the audience Age Groups: School Age. Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue. 757-441-2844
23. SRC Kickoff: Young Audiences Presents Harold Wood's "Circus in a Suitcase." 2:00 p.m., Sat, Jun 25. Harold Wood, entertainer extra-ordinaire, is an award winning magician, juggler, and speaker. His "Circus in a Suitcase," brought to us by Young Audiences of Virginia, will have you howling as you join us for an afternoon of fun. Help us kickoff our Summer Reading Club (SRC) with this awesome entertainer! Age Groups: Family. Lafayette Branch Library, 1610 Cromwell Drive. 757-441-2842
24. 2nd Annual Olympics and Lunch. 11:00 a.m., Tue, Jun 28. Come to the 2nd annual Olympics and Lunch. There will be games of skill and games of chance. A few new challenges have been added this year. Bring a bag lunch and eat on the library lawn afterwards. Please note time change. Age Groups: Family. Larchmont Branch Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd. 757-441-5335
25. The Watsons Go To Birmingham Re-visited. 6:00 p.m., Tue, Jun 28. If you missed participating in All Norfolk Reads the first time, you're in luck! Every Tuesday evening starting July 5 through July 26, we will relive the adventures of the Watson family from "The Watsons Go to Birmingham", the award winning book by Christopher Paul Curtis. Join us for great book discussions and fun related activities. Register on June 28 and receive your free book and reading guide. Plus, earn a chance to enter into drawings for fun weekly prizes and the grand prize drawing. Age Groups: Teens. Kirn Memorial Library, 301 East City Hall Avenue. 757-664-7323
26. Picking and a Telling. 2:30 p.m. Thu, Jun 30. Musician Amy Ferebee will be playing favorite songs with storyteller Lynn Ruehlmann doing stories for us. This is one event you don't want to miss. Age Groups: School Age. Van Wyck Branch Library, 1368 DeBree Avenue. 757-441-2844

MEETING NOTICES

Norfolk Alliance for People With Mental Retardation: April 21 & May 19, 2005 at 1161 Ingleside Road, 7:00-8:30 p.m. with social period beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information call Pat McKeil at 423-7609.

MACARTHUR MEMORIAL

New Exhibit At The Macarthur Memorial Commemorates The 60th Anniversary Of The Liberation Of Civilian Internment Camps In The Philippines During World War II . More than 60 years ago, over 5,000 civilian men, women and children were imprisoned in internment camps following Japan's occupation of the Philippines during World War II. A three-year struggle for survival ensued as these internees endured crowded living conditions, disease, limited medical supplies, heavy labor, tension, uncertainty, and near starvation.

On April 23, 2005, the MacArthur Memorial will open a special exhibit in honor of the internees, and the soldiers and civilians who saved them. The exhibition, which will be on display through February 28, 2006, will examine the Philippines before the Japanese invasion and what characterized life for both the native Filipinos and the foreign-born residents. Focusing on the three major internment camps, Santo Tomás, Los Baños and Baguio, the exhibition will offer insight into the internees' initial contact with their captors and their daily lives during confinement. While some succumbed to death, others with the help of the Filipino civilians and their own sheer will were able to survive until their eventual liberation in February of 1945.

Asian Fest 2005. During the day on May 7, 2005 the Memorial will host Asian Fest 2005 on MacArthur Square at the MacArthur Memorial. This special event honors the members of the Asian Communities from around Hampton Roads and will feature cultural booths and performances for the public.

NAUTICUS

JOIN OUR TEAM!

Volunteers Needed. Nauticus, The National Maritime Center in downtown Norfolk, offers a variety of volunteer opportunities for individuals age 14 and older. Do you love the beach and ocean? Are you interested in learning and sharing information about the ocean, bays, and rivers around us? Do you like to meet and work with interesting people? If so, volunteering at Nauticus is for you! We have positions available weekdays and weekends in the Aquarium, Gift Shop, Visitor Services, Cruise Ship, and

Education Departments. To learn more about joining the Nauticus team as a volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Office at 664-1043.

Ongoing Programs & Events

Saturday & Sunday, 1 p.m.

Eco Exploration. Discover plants and animals in our own waterway, The Elizabeth River, during this 30-minute hands-on discovery walk! Learn about biological conditions by collecting water and aquatic specimen samples. Plus, learn more about river ecology and the Chesapeake Bay.

Weekdays, 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday, 11:30 a.m. (Sat. only), 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m.

Shark Touch. What does a shark's skin feel like? If you're daring, you can find out at Nauticus' Shark Petting Lagoon, where you can touch the back of a warm-water Nurse Shark. Sharks in the Lagoon vary in length from two to three feet.

Weekdays, 3:30 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 3 p.m.

Grando Electro Show. Experience the science of static electricity, sparks, and electrical charges in a safe and controlled manner. You'll get a "charge" out of it!

Saturday & Sunday; 12:45 and 2:45 p.m.

Kiddie Tidepool and Storytime. Geared toward early learners, this program explores the ecology of the Elizabeth River. Plus, enjoy a special reading of a maritime-related story.

Saturday & Sunday; Noon

Battle Blast. Have a "blast" during Nauticus' newest science demonstration! Created in conjunction with the USS *Wisconsin*, this program investigates the science and technology behind the battleship and explores force, ballistics, density and combustion through a variety of hands-on experiments.

Weekdays, 1:30 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday, 11a.m. & 4 p.m.

CoolScience. Liquids boiling without a stove! Gases turning into liquid! Balloons exploding with bright flashes of light and heat! These are a few of the amazing hands-on experiments you can see in this program sponsored in-part by BOC Gases.

Saturday, 10:30 a.m.

Shark Feeding. Watch Nauticus' live sharks eat as you learn about shark behavior and ecology!

Saturday & Sunday, 2 p.m.

Weather Wonders.

Large-Format Films

Daily; selected times

The Living Sea. This large-format film celebrates the world ocean - its beauty, diversity and importance to all life on Earth. Swim with thousands of golden jellyfish and witness the bizarre spawning behavior of giant clams. Surf in Hawaii, deep-sea dive in Palau and test your courage with the Coast Guard in some of the world's roughest seas! Follow a Remotely Operated Vehicle 3,000 feet down through the ocean depths to view strange creatures (one as long as a football field!), which live where sunlight never penetrates.

Daily; selected times

The Last Battleship: USS Wisconsin

Discover why the Battleship *Wisconsin* is one of the most unique battleships in the world. Experience the excitement and nostalgia as some of the world's largest guns fire from the deck for the last time. This half-hour documentary, produced by Wisconsin Public Television, chronicles the life of the Battleship *Wisconsin*, defines its unique place in history and profiles the courageous men who went to war on its decks.

NEIGHBORHOOD AND LEISURE SERVICES

Neighborhood Pride Tours

The tour program, originally developed to educate and build neighborhood pride, is now entering its seventh year and promises to be even more successful than in years past. While previous tours have focused on general Norfolk annexation history, this year's tour season offers participants the opportunity to take part in theme tours (see below) that include a 30-minute social break sponsored by area organizations and businesses.

DATE	NORFOLK NEIGHBORHOOD PRIDE TOUR
May 14	Catching a Glimpse of the Future
June 11	Cornerstones: Historical Churches
July 9	Visiting a Patriotic Past
August 13	"Tree City" – A Natural Perspective
September 10	Port to Port
October 8	Famous & Mysterious Memorials
November 12	The Downtown Experience

For further details, call our new NU Info Line at 441-2400, Extension 232.

Oceanview Senior Center Activities

Regular Events:

Wednesdays

60+ Club Business Meeting 11:00a.m.

Featuring Card games, BINGO, Ballroom Dancing, Hot Meal

Thursdays

Line Dancing Class 11:00a.m.

Tuesdays

Square Dancing 6:30p.m.

Fridays

Square Dancing 10:30a.m.

Mon-Fri

Nutrition Program 10:00a.m

Staff Assistance is provided each month to permit groups such as civic groups, Tidewater Appalachian Trail Club and Mayors Task Force.

LAKEWOOD DANCE AND MUSIC CENTER

The Lakewood Dance and Music Center will hold its Music Recital May 22, at Ruffner Academy at 2:30pm. \$4.00- general admission. Students ages 4 years -seniors will perform on the piano, guitar, violin, percussion, saxophone, flute, clarinet, rhythm band and voice.

The Lakewood Dance and Music Center will hold its Dance Recital June 8, at the Harrison Opera House at 6pm. \$10.00-general admission. Students ages 4 years- senior will perform tap., ballet, jazz,and Broadway dance.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NPS Participates in Norfolk's 52nd International Azalea Festival Honoring Norway

Norfolk Public Schools will join the city of Norfolk and others to pay tribute to Norway as *The Most Honored Nation* during this year's International Azalea Festival, April 18-23, 2005.

Each year, the International Azalea Festival provides NPS students with an opportunity to increase their knowledge and understanding of the role of NATO, as well as to experience the culture and heritage of its member nations. In addition, students and their families have been invited to participate in several scheduled events, including:

- **April 18, 1 p.m.-2 p.m.** — Kristine Austgulen, Queen Azalea 2005 visits Oceanair Elementary School (600 Dudley Ave.)
- **April 19, 11 a.m.-noon** — Queen Austgulen visits Ingleside Elementary School (976 Ingleside Rd.)
- **April 21, 9 a.m.-11 a.m.** — NATO Student Forum, The School of International Studies at Meadowbrook (7620 Shirland Ave.). This year's topic: "NATO: Too Big for Its Boots?"

11:45 a.m.-1:15 p.m. — Queen Austgulen visits The School of International Studies at Meadowbrook

- **April 22, 4 p.m.** — Flag Raising Ceremony, Supreme Allied Command, Transformation Flag Plaza (Blandy Rd., Norfolk)
- **April 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.** — NATO Fest, NATO Vista, Norfolk Botanical Garden

10 a.m. — Parade of Nations

3 p.m. — Coronation of Queen Azalea and Her Court, Renaissance Garden, Norfolk Botanical Garden

Larchmont Elementary School Announces 2005 Spring Carnival. The Larchmont Elementary School Parent Teacher Association is pleased to announce the **Larchmont Spring Carnival on Saturday, April 23, 10am-3pm.** The carnival will take place on the school grounds at the corner of Bolling Avenue and Hampton Boulevard in the Larchmont section of Norfolk, near Old Dominion University.

The carnival is open to the public with no general admission fee. Come and enjoy refreshments such as pizza, sodas, cotton candy, popcorn and snow cones. You can also enjoy special attractions such as ODU's Big Blue character, a Fire Truck, the Sheriff Department's "Ident-A-Kid" booth, and the Elizabeth River Project's Princess Elizabeth.

The kids will enjoy the pony rides, moonwalk, bungee run, giant slide, dunking tank, hair and face painting, temporary tattoos, sandy candy, confetti eggs, spin art, cake walk, and arcade games. The children will also enjoy shopping for second hand books and toys, and one lucky raffle winner will take home a brand new bike.

The adults are sure to come home with some special treats from our annual spring plant sale, our famous gift basket silent auction, and our raffle, which features some great items and gift certificates donated by local businesses.

Funds raised at the carnival will be used to enhance the academic opportunities for the entire Larchmont Elementary student body by helping to pay for computers and software, various educational programs, books and other materials, and field trips.

RECREATION CENTERS

BERKLEY:

APRIL

- 21 Spring Fashion Show All Ages – 7:00 p.m.
- 28 “Over the Hill” Basketball Games; 30 Years and Up – 7:00 p.m.

MAY

- 2,3,4 Mother’s Day Craft 5 to 12 Years – 4:00 p.m.
- 6 Mother’s Day Essay 10-16 Years – 4:00 p.m.
- 26 Community Memorial Remembrance All Ages – 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

STOCKLEY GARDENS ARTS FESTIVAL

The 21st Annual Stockley Gardens Spring Arts Festival is a two-day festival featuring over 150 artists displaying and selling their works. Stockley Gardens Park offers the festival a distinctive atmosphere with its peaceful garden setting in the heart of the historic district in Ghent, Norfolk. The festival attracts between 25,000 to 30,000 people who enjoy the art, live music, an array of food and the community atmosphere in the event held in the spring and fall each year.

The festival has been featured in 64 Magazine’s special issue as one of the “64 Reasons Why We Love Virginia” and what the Reader’s Choice 2001 Hampton Roads Monthly voted as the 2nd Best Annual Outdoor Festival, only under Harborfest. In February 2004, readers in Hampton Roads Monthly chose The Stockley Gardens Arts Festival as the “Best Place to Buy Art!”

The event is organized by Hope House Foundation, a local non-profit organization that provides supportive living services for people with developmental disabilities. For over 40 years, Hope House has provided the services and the vision to improve the lives of hundreds of adults with mental retardation across South Hampton Roads. Proceeds from

the Stockley Gardens Arts Festival support the programs of the organization and necessities for the people who receive services such as assistance with food, medical expenses and housing.

This event will be held on Saturday, May 14 from 10:00 am – 6:00 pm and Sunday, May 15 from 12 noon – 6:00 p.m. at the Stockley Gardens Park on the corner of Stockley Gardens & Olney Road in the Ghent section of Norfolk.

VIRGINIA ARTS FESTIVAL – NORFOLK EVENTS

ARTISTS BY GENRE

(Artists, venues, dates are subject to change)

THEATRE

A MidSummer Night's Dream

Lesley Ferris, director

JoAnn Falletta, conductor

Chrysler Hall (N)

April 21 | Thursday – 7:30 pm

April 23 | Saturday – 8:00 pm

April 24 | Sunday – 2:30 pm

\$75, \$58, \$48, \$38, \$34

Shakespeare's most magical comedy! An enchanting music theater treat for the mind, eyes and ears. Come along with Puck and the gang on this mostly magical, often comedic celebration of love-- a fantastical exploration of Shakespeare set to Mendelssohn---staged in the roaring 20's. This is a 'Midsummer' like you've never imagined.

“A Prairie Home Companion” with Garrison Keillor

Live Broadcast

April 30 | Saturday

5:30 pm | Chrysler Hall (N)

\$65, \$45

America's foremost humorist and favorite storyteller returns to broadcast live his Saturday night public radio show for the third time. The news from Lake Wobegon will be heard by Keillor's 4.1 million listeners and in person by the Festival patrons who buy early!

Co-presented with WHRO/WHRV.

DANCE

Richmond Ballet *Giselle*
with Virginia Symphony Orchestra
April 29 | Friday – 8 pm
May 1 | Sunday – 2:30 pm
Harrison Opera House (N)
\$60, \$45, \$35

Prepare to be dazzled by the energy and originality of the State Ballet of Virginia. The adventures of young Giselle, her supernatural gal pals, the Wilis, and ex-boyfriend Albrecht are the stuff of great storytelling and grand ballet.

Martha Graham Dance Company
with Virginia Symphony Orchestra
May 6 | Friday – 8 pm – Program I
May 8 | Sunday – 3 pm – Program II
Harrison Opera House (N)
\$60, \$45, \$35

Founded in 1926 by dancer/choreographer Martha Graham, who danced until the late 1960's, Graham called her dance 'contemporary' as it existed in relation to a contemporary world. Experience two performances, two programs!

CLASSICAL MUSIC

Young Audiences of Virginia co-presents
PRI's "From The Top"
April 27 | Wednesday
7:30 pm | Harrison Opera House (N)
\$25, \$20

Live and in person! It's host Christopher O'Riley and his popular show, dubbed "public radio's answer to MTV," by the *Boston Herald*. Enjoy the fun mix of pre-college age classical musicians in performance, lively interviews, lighthearted sketches, and musical games.

Paul Jacobs, organ
April 29 | Friday
8:00 pm | Christ & St. Luke's Church (N)
\$20

The *Chicago Tribune* hails this rising star as “one of the most supremely gifted organists of his generation.” Heard on PRI’s “Pipedreams,” Jacobs is among the youngest members of Juilliard’s esteemed faculty and now chairman of its organ department. He is simply a tour-de-force not to be missed.

Co-presented with Tidewater Chapter, American Guild of Organists

Virginia Arts Festival Wind Ensemble

John Duffy Composer-in-Residence

JoAnn Falletta, conductor

May 4 | Wednesday

7:30 pm | TCC Roper Performing Arts Center (N)

\$25

Experience the genius of Festival composer-in-residence, John Duffy, founder and president of *Meet the Composer*, an organization dedicated to the creation, performance, and recording of music by American composers. Composer of more than 300 works for symphony orchestra, opera, theater, television and film, and two-time Emmy Award-winner, Duffy’s music is “haunting, memorable, and brilliant,” says the *Chicago Tribune*.

Itzhak Perlman, violin

Virginia Symphony Orchestra

JoAnn Falletta, conductor

May 7 | Saturday

8:00 pm | Chrysler Hall (N)

\$75

The world’s reigning violin virtuoso and superstar returns to perform Beethoven in what promises to be his third sell-out Festival appearance. Subscribers get first chance (and maybe only) to buy!

STUDENT MATINEE – OPEN DRESS REHEARSAL (May 7)

JoAnn Falletta and Friends

with Tidewater Guitar Orchestra

May 17 | Tuesday

7:30 pm | TCC Roper Performing Arts Center (N)

\$30

Hailed, “one of the finest conductors of her generation,” by *The New York Times*, the first love of VSO’s esteemed music director was the classical guitar. Falletta will captivate Festival patrons as she takes up her guitar, performing specially selected works with her colleagues.

This concert in previous Festivals has sold-out very early!

Co-presented with the Tidewater Classical Guitar Society

CHAMBER MUSIC

Lunchtime Chamber Music I

April 29 | Friday

12:00 Noon | First Lutheran Church (N)

\$17

Now a Festival favorite, this is the first of four Lunchtime Chamber Music concerts. This year’s roster of artists includes André-Michel Schub along with Miami String Quartet, Imani Winds and Virginia Chamber Players. Many of these concerts are enjoyed ‘round the country, courtesy of National Public Radio’s “Performance Today” broadcasts. Specific programming and artists to be announced.

Imani Winds

May 3 | Tuesday

7:30 pm | Attucks Theatre (N)

\$20

One of the U.S.’s only African-American/Latino chamber music groups, the Imani Winds’ classical music rocks! Committed to making music accessible, “Imani” means faith in Swahili. This NYC-based wind quintet received rave reviews during last year’s Festival!

Lunchtime Chamber Music V

Smithsonian Chamber Players

May 10 | Tuesday

7:30 pm | Chrysler Museum Theater (N)

\$30

Come to the Chrysler Museum’s theater and hear music played on the Smithsonian’s priceless Stradivarius strings by the Smithsonian Chamber Players. A rare treat as only

650 of the 18th–century Italian master Antonio Stradivari’s estimated 1,100 instruments (violins, harps, guitars, violas and cellos) are believed to survive today.

Lunchtime Chamber Music IV

May 18 | Wednesday

12:00 Noon | Chrysler Museum Theater (N)

\$17

VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL TATTOO

Virginia International Tattoo

April 22 | Friday – 7:30 pm

April 23 | Saturday – 7:30 pm

April 24 | Sunday – 2:30 pm

Scope (N)

\$45, \$40, \$30, \$20

Inspired by the Edinburgh Military Tattoo and the Nova Scotia Tattoo, our tattoo is the largest in the U.S. This year, we’ll pay special tribute to WWII veterans.

STUDENT MATINEE (4/22)

JAZZ, BLUES, BROADWAY, VOCAL MUSIC

Port Folio Weekly’s Series: **Tierney Sutton**

April 28 | Thursday

7:30 pm | Granby Theatre (N)

\$25

After singing for five years in cities around the world, Bostonian Tierney Sutton has only recently become the next big thing in jazz. Her beauty, wit and technically superior voice have delighted crowds and impressed even the most critical musicians.

Port Folio Weekly’s Series: **Elements Quartet**

May 5 | Thursday

7:30 pm | Granby Theatre (N)

\$25

Just as their name, Elements, has multiplicity of meanings and messages, this contemporary and eclectic ensemble brings fresh insights into how chamber music – from

popular masterpieces and neglected treasures to newly commissioned works by today's most celebrated composers – can connect with today's listeners.

Port Folio Weekly's Series: **Gary Burton's "Generations"**

May 12 | Thursday

7:30 pm | Granby Theatre (N)

\$25

Five-time Grammy winner Gary Burton, along with his quintet, are shaking things up in the jazz world with their latest project "Generations." With new material and new versions of Gary's repertoire, you'll find blissful melody with refined lyricism while dazzling with improvisational energy. "These guys can burn a solo like nobody's business" – *Philadelphia Weekly*.

Port Folio Weekly's Series: **Chris Smither / Willy Porter**

May 19 | Thursday

7:30 pm | Granby Theatre (N)

\$25

Stereo Review says of these two: "folk blues in the ethereal language of the poet, projecting a kind of streetwise mysticism." and "blues-based open-tuned funk." You'll soon hear why we have double-billed these peerless artists on this the fourth Thursday of the new Port Folio Series. It will be a musical evening on Granby to remember!

FAMILY

Virginia International Tattoo

Scope (N)

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April 23 | Saturday – 7:30 pm

April 24 | Sunday – 2:30 pm

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STUDENT MATINEE (4/22)

The Kennedy Center

IMAGINATION CELEBRATION® on Tour Presents

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

April 30 | Saturday

1:00 pm | TCC Roper Performing Arts Center (N)

3:30 pm | TCC Roper Performing Arts Center (N)

\$14

Time travels, Mark Twain style. It's 1840, St. Petersburg, Missouri. A simpler time and place. Twain's classic coming of age tale, starring literature's most famous teen hero, Tom Sawyer, and his lovable renegade pal, Huck Finn, comes alive anew with music, comedy, song and dance.

A Kennedy Center Imagination Celebration® On Tour Production

STUDENT MATINEE (4/29)

FUN – OUTDOORS

Virginia Beer Festival

May 14 | Saturday

2:00-6:00 pm | Town Point Park (N)

\$15 (advance price)

This 4th Annual Beer Festival featuring cold brews from international and domestic breweries promises to be another fun-filled Saturday afternoon at Waterside's Town Point Park. Rain or Shine!

Co-produced with FestEvents

FOR TICKETS

In person – Virginia Arts Festival Box Office – MacArthur Center

By telephone – 757-282-2822

By fax – 757-282-2787

By mail – Virginia Arts Festival Box Office, PO Box 3595, Norfolk, VA 23514

On-line – www.vafest.com

VIRGINIA ROVER

Victory Rover Naval Base Cruises Starting 5th Season. Rover Cruises is pleased to announce that sight seeing cruises aboard the Victory Rover. The Victory Rover offers daily 2 Hour Narrated Cruises of the Norfolk Naval Base. Cruises depart from Nauticus, the National Maritime Center, home of the Battleship Wisconsin in Downtown Norfolk. Guests are entertained with a fascinating commentary about the ships of the World's Largest Navy Base. Weather is never a problem as guests can enjoy the sights from the climate controlled main cabin. Combo tickets which offer discounted admission for the cruise and Nauticus are available.

Rover Cruises operates both the Victory Rover and the American Rover Tall Ship cruises from the Downtown Norfolk Waterfront.

(757) 627-7406

www.navalbasecruises.com

Ticket Prices: Victory Rover

Adults \$15

VIRGINIA STAGE COMPANY

With something for everyone, the upcoming season promises to be the most exiting yet! Season tickets are now on sale, and they are going quickly. The following is our line-up for the 26th season:

Treasure Island, by Robert Louis Stevenson and adapted by Timothy Mason

Now-April 24, 2005

One of the great adventure novels of all times, Robert Lewis Stevenson's timeless story is brought to life on stage. Jim Hawkins is left with a treasure map, and hires a ship to sail to the island to find the gold. Little does he know that his ship is staffed by pirates, lead by the one-legged cook Long John Silver who plans on killing Jim and stealing the loot. With swash-buckling action on the high seas, this one promises to be a load of fun for the entire family.

Fight Directors from Across the Nation Converge on the Wells Theatre as *Treasure Island* Takes the Stage at VSC

Virginia Stage Company presents Robert Louis Stevenson's timeless classic *Treasure Island* adapted for the stage by Timothy Mason and directed by world-renowned fight director David Doersch. One of the great adventure novels of all times, Robert Louis Stevenson's classic is brought to life on stage. Jim Hawkins is left with a

treasure map, and hires a ship to sail to the island to find the gold. Little does he know that his ship is staffed by pirates, lead by the one-legged Long John Silver who plans on killing Jim and stealing the loot. With swash-buckling action on the high seas, this show promises to be a load of fun for the entire family.

The production runs from April 3 to April 24, 2005. Tickets to *Treasure Island* range in price from \$8 to \$42.50, with April 3 serving as a Pay-What-You-Can night. *Treasure Island* will also mark the third VSC production to use the recently announced Best Ticket in Town promotion. All tickets to the preview performances (April 5-7) will be sold for \$8. Tickets may be purchased at the VSC Box Office, by calling (757) 627-1234 or online at www.vastage.com.

ZOO

Summer Safari Camp. Registration is now open for Summer Safari 2005 at your Virginia Zoo. Summer goes wild with an exciting week of animal-related activities, games and fun. One-on-one animal encounters drive the desire to discover and experience the world of nature at your Virginia Zoo's Summer Safari Camps. Summer sizzles June 27 through August 26 with week long camp sessions for children ranging 4 -14 years. Extended care is available daily and every camper receives a Summer Safari T-shirt. Sessions fill fast and registration is available by calling (757) 441-2374 ext. 229 or by visiting www.virginiazoo.org.

International Migratory Bird Day

Friday, May 7, 2005 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Learn how to make your community or backyard bird-friendly for our visitors from the South! Join us for a variety of "bird-centered" activities designed to increase migratory bird appreciation. More activities TBA. Normal Admission fees apply.

Day for the Disabled

Saturday, May 28, 2005 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

An educational and informational carnival for disabled people and their caregivers. Normal Admission fees apply.

DEVELOP YOURSELF! BUILD COMMUNITY! TAP RESOURCES!

Norfolk Neighborhood University courses coming your way in April & May...

- **MANAGING NEIGHBORHOOD CONFLICT** - Conflict is a natural part of neighborhood life. Often, the real issue is not the conflict itself but what we do with it. This unique learning experience lays a foundation for neighborhood conflict resolution and helps participants identify creative methods of managing conflict whenever and wherever it may arise. This course will be held 9:00 AM-4:00 PM on Saturday, April 23, 2005 – Vivian C. Macon Arts & Technology Center.
- **IMPROVING NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH: FIRST AID** – As part of the Improving Neighborhood Health initiative, this evening of first aid training is designed to empower citizens to improve and protect their individual health as well as those around them. Official American Heart Association certification for First Aid will be provided. Class will be held 6:00-8:00 PM on Thursday, April 28, 2005 – Norfolk Public Health Department.
- **UNDERSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL CODES 201** - *Prerequisite: Understanding Environmental Codes 101.* This advanced course is designed to develop citizens in three major ways. First, by enhancing students' understanding of the roles of citizens, neighborhood groups, and government in resolving community problems. Second, by building skills in recognizing and analyzing neighborhood problems and ways to create and implement solutions. Third, by further strengthening teambuilding skills to enhance problem-solving partnerships between citizens and City staff. Classes will be held 6:00-9:00 PM on Thursdays, May 5-19 AND June 9, 2005 – Norfolk Public Health Department.
- **CIVIC BOARD DEVELOPMENT** - Give your civic association or neighborhood a boost. Enhance the skills, knowledge and tools of your board members. Civic Board Development is a two-day customized, comprehensive training course designed to accommodate the unique goals and resources of neighborhood associations such as civic leagues. Topics will include governance, meeting facilitation, group dynamics and communication. Classes will be held 6:00-9:00 PM on Tuesdays, May 24 & 31, 2005 – Norfolk Public Health Department.

All Norfolk Neighborhood University courses are FREE and open to the public.

To register online for the these or other Neighborhood University courses, visit...

www.norfolk.gov/neighborhoods/services/university.asp

or call the

NU Information Line at 441-2400, x232

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